

What Do You Expect?

Describe a time when things didn't happen the way you expected.

Read 1 Samuel 2:12-3:21.

1. What made Eli's sons evil?
 - A. They didn't take their role as priests seriously.
 - B. Greed.
 - C. Sexual promiscuity.
 - D. They lacked humility, courage, and faith.
 - E. Poor parenting by Eli.
 - F. The contrast with Samuel.
 - G. They were "PKs" (Priest's Kids).
 - H. They hadn't chosen God for themselves.
 - I. Other.

2. What made Samuel good?
 - A. He was a miracle baby.
 - B. Living at the tabernacle in Shiloh.
 - C. Choosing the opposite of his negative role models.
 - D. Practicing humility, courage, and faith.
 - E. Eli's influence.
 - F. Samuel's parents checked on him only once a year.
 - G. Not being related to Eli or his sons.
 - H. He continued his development with God and with people.
 - I. Other.

3. What message did God send Eli through a prophet?
 - A. You're doing a great job as priest.
 - B. You've put your family first, ahead of God—not good.
 - C. You're sitting around too much.
 - D. I honor those who honor me, and vice versa.
 - E. Your family will no longer serve as priests; they will die soon.
 - F. I'm replacing you with a better priest.
 - G. I'm replacing you with Samuel.
 - H. You're forgiven.
 - I. Other.

4. Why did Samuel sleep near the ark of God (1 Samuel 3:3)?
- A. He wanted to be close to God.
 - B. He had to sleep somewhere.
 - C. This illustrates how lax Eli was with sacred things.
 - D. God had told Eli to have Samuel sleep there.
 - E. Samuel hoped he would receive a message from God.
 - F. There was too much light around the seven-branched candlestick.
 - G. Samuel knew Eli's other sons wouldn't be near.
 - H. Other.

5. Why did Eli direct Samuel to converse directly with God?
- A. That's the best way to commune with God.
 - B. God had told Eli about this plan.
 - C. Eli was training Samuel to perceive God's voice.
 - D. Samuel didn't know what was happening.
 - E. Eli didn't know what was happening.
 - F. God is always speaking, but we rarely listen.
 - G. God rarely speaks, so we always need to listen.
 - H. Other.

6. Put a \checkmark by messages you'd "Expect" or "Not Expect" from God.

<u>Expect</u>	<u>Not Expect</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> A. God loves you.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> B. Jesus will return soon.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> C. Judgment has started.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> D. God's people need to change.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> E. Sexual promiscuity is a problem.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> F. You have humility, courage, and faith.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> G. You need humility, courage, and faith.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> H. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Have you ever sensed that God has sent you a special message? If so, what was it?

8. What do you do when you get a message from God and:
- You don't like it.
 - You do like it.
 - It doesn't matter much to you.