

“A Sad Climax”

Share a story about when you were duped.

Read 1 Samuel 4:1-18.

1. What did the Israelites use in their camp to ensure victory in the battle against the Philistines?
 - A. The Ark of the Covenant
 - B. The High Priest
 - C. The Golden Calf
 - D. The Ten Commandments
 - E. A statue of a warrior god
 - F. A sacred fire
 - G. A prophetic scroll
 - H. Holy oil
 - I. Other.

2. Why did the Philistines become fearful upon learning about the Ark's presence among the Israelites?
 - A. They were superstitious about the Ark's power.
 - B. They had never heard of the Ark before.
 - C. They believed the Ark was a weapon of mass destruction.
 - D. They thought it was a valuable treasure.
 - E. They wanted to capture the Ark for their own religious purposes.
 - F. They saw it as a symbol of peace.
 - G. They believed the Ark could heal the wounded.
 - H. They didn't fear the Ark at all.
 - I. Other.

3. How many Israelite soldiers were killed in the battle against the Philistines?
 - A. About 400
 - B. About 1,000
 - C. About 2,000
 - D. About 4,000
 - E. About 10,000
 - F. None, they all survived
 - G. About 100
 - H. About 8,000

4. What role did Eli play in the events described in the passage?
 - A. He was the commander of the Israelite army.
 - B. He was a messenger who brought news from the battlefield.
 - C. He was the father of the messenger.
 - D. He was the high priest of Israel.
 - E. He was a Philistine spy.
 - F. He was the leader of the Philistine army.
 - G. He was the custodian of the Ark.
 - H. He was a prophet.
 - I. Other.

5. How did Eli react upon hearing about the loss of the battle, the capture of the Ark, and the death of his sons?
 - A. He laughed.
 - B. He fell forward in prayer.
 - C. He celebrated.
 - D. He fell backward from his seat and died.
 - E. He went into hiding.
 - F. He organized a rescue mission.
 - G. He cursed the Philistines.
 - H. He remained calm and composed.
 - I. Other.

6. What did the name "Ichabod," given to the child born during these events, mean?
 - A. "Victorious Warrior"
 - B. "Messenger of God"
 - C. "The Ark of the Covenant"
 - D. "The Glory has Departed"
 - E. "Heir to the Throne"
 - F. "God's Chosen One"
 - G. "Peace Bringer"
 - H. "Light of the World"
 - I. Other.

7. What's in your life right now that would make your climax a sad one?

8. What battles are you fighting now without God's direction?