

# The Story Standing Tall/Falling Hard

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church

Week of December 7, 2008

## Read Chapter 14 of "The Story."

1. Hannah prayed for years for a child. You may feel that you have prayed a long time as well for something that has never happened. **Describe a time when you prayed hard for something and how your prayer was answered.**
2. **What do you learn about prayer from Samuel's mother, Hannah?**
3. **How did Samuel show his faith in God?**
4. Up until now, the Israelites hadn't organized themselves into a kingdom with an actual King like all the other nations around them. **Why was it wrong for the Israelites to ask for a king?**
5. **What factors led to King Saul's demise?**
6. **How did Saul respond when confronted with his sin? How do you respond when confronted with your own shortcomings?**
7. **What instance of God's grace do you see in this chapter?**