

**A Reign of Terror Ends**  
**1 Samuel 7:3-17**  
**September 6, 2020**

**I. How do I Get Saved (V. 3-6)?**

A. Repent and believe the gospel (Mark 1:14-15).

B. Faith without Repentance (1 Samuel 3:19-4:4)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ other gods.
2. Direct your heart to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Be devoted to \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Faith with Repentance (1 Samuel 7:3-4)

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2. Direct your heart to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Be devoted to \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. What Happens When I Get Saved (V. 7-9)?**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.

B. There are few phases of life scarier than the early stages of repentance.

**III. What Happens After I Get Saved (V. 10-17)?**

A. Watch your greatest weaknesses and past defeats become \_\_\_\_\_  
of God's glory.

## **Group Discussion**

1. What are your initial takeaways from 1 Samuel 7:3-17?
2. Up to this point, Israel had been oppressed by Philistia for about 40 years (Judges 13:1). Considering the Israelites answered Samuel's call with destroying all their idols, what can you assume they were doing before they repented?
3. Read 1 Samuel 4:1-11. What are some of the similarities and differences between situation in chapter 4 with what you read in 7:3-17? What were the three actions Samuel told the Israelites to take to return to the Lord (V. 3)?
4. Why can't belief be enough for salvation? Can't we just believe in God and be saved? Is repentance necessary for salvation? Does that mean we are saved by our works?
5. How long did it take for the Philistines to respond to the Israelite worship service? How was your faith challenged in its infancy? Have you ever repented of something and immediately faced backlash? How did you respond to that?
6. What are some old relationships or situations you have experienced defeat and regret before salvation in Christ? How has God brought victory to them since you have become a Christian? What are some of past defeats you have yet to see the Lord conquer? What needs to happen for an Ebenezer to be raised in that area of your life?
7. Review the church prayer guide on the next page, exchange prayer requests, and pray for each other and the church as a whole.

### **Recommended Reading for Further Study:**

Repentance: Deuteronomy 30, 1 Kings 21:25-29, 2 Chronicles 33:1-20

### **Church Bible Reading Plan**

This Week: Read 1 Samuel 27-31

September: Memorize 1 Samuel 17:45-47

**Join us for Prayer: Tuesday Evenings at 7:00PM — Dial 701-802-5374 and at the prompt enter 5160582#**

**John 15:7**

***If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.***

**Our Vision: To create a culture of discipleship that leads to worship and compels us to be on mission.**

PRAY that our love for our neighbors will cause us to reach out to them.

PRAY that we would be faithful in all our individual areas of ministry.

PRAY that God will draw many to Himself in this difficult time.

PRAY for YOUR ONE to be saved.

PRAY for the ASU West college ministry

PRAY for the AWANA ministry every Wednesday evening at 6:00PM at the church.

PRAY for the people of Puluk in Indonesia to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.

PRAY for Dr. John and Karen T. and Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. to be able to return to the mission-field soon.

**Our Mission: To Care as Jesus CARES:**

PRAY for God's protection from the COVID virus as we begin to open the doors of Apollo Baptist

PRAY that we will love and encourage each other by reaching out to our membership. Go through the church directory and try to connect with someone each day.

PRAY that God will continue to use the FOOD BOX MINISTRY to bring people to Himself and that we will keep the food pantry stocked.

PRAY for the hospital workers, first responders and police officers to be drawn to God and to be filled with His strength, love, and ability.

PRAY for all of our schools/teachers/administrators/ workers in this new school year with difficulties never before encountered.

PRAY for us all to be a source of light in the darkness of racial prejudice.

PRAY that we will each be faithful to give financially to Apollo Baptist Church so that we can have the funds to continuing ministering.

**Our Church Family:**

PRAY for Pastor Gary and our other pastors (Pastor Jim, Pastor Reginald, Pastor Brian) as they seek God's way to lead our church.

PRAY for us as a church family to grow in our devotion and our discipleship.

PRAY for our deacons to be able to keep up with their families and contacts effectively.

PRAY for our Sunday School leaders to find ways to keep in touch with their class/department.

PRAY for the office staff in the challenges they face as they work from home.

**Pray For Our Church Family Needs:**

- Those struggling with fear and anxiety because of the pandemic
- Those who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
  - The loss of Jane S.
  - The loss of Jayla S.
  - Grief Share participants
- Those struggling with cancer issues:
  - Derek H. (colon cancer), Mary C. (breast cancer), Brenda R. (blood cancer)
- Those struggling with chronic health issues:
  - Michelle L. (migraines), Rezwanna D (migraines), Mary R.(kidney function), Jim R. (kidney stones), Ruthie C. (severe weight loss)
- Those awaiting surgery:
  - Brenda R. (bone marrow transplant), Kevin M. (vertebrae surgery), Phil C.(heart angiogram)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
  - Julia B. family, Ketty B. friend
- Those needing employment:
  - Larry S.,
- Others that you are aware of