



Flight or Fight

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- Israel lived for their own _____

In those days there was no king in Israel; all the people did what was right in their own eyes.

Judges 21:25 (NRSV)

- Israel _____ God's leadership in order to _____ in

"Do everything they say to you," the LORD replied, "for it is me they are rejecting, not you. They don't want me to be their king any longer. Ever since I brought them from Egypt they have continually abandoned me and followed other gods. And now they are giving you the same treatment. Do as they ask, but solemnly warn them about the way a king will reign over them."... But the people refused to listen to Samuel's warning.

"Even so, we still want a king," they said. "We want to be like the nations around us. Our king will judge us and lead us into battle." So Samuel repeated to the LORD what the people had said, and the LORD replied, "Do as they say, and give them a king." Then Samuel agreed and sent the people home.

1 Samuel 8:7-9,19-22 (NLT)

To Fight for Your Family You Must:

1. Resist the temptation to "_____" when it gets _____

When Saul and all Israel heard these words from the Philistine, they lost their courage and were terrified.

1 Samuel 17:11 (HCSB)

Those who bring trouble on their families will have nothing at the end. Proverbs 11:29a (TEV)

2. Reject the notion that doing _____ is an option

Every morning and evening for 40 days the Philistine came forward and took his stand.

1 Samuel 17:16 (HCSB)

It takes wisdom to have a good family, and it takes understanding to make it strong. Proverbs 24:3 (NCV)

3. Do what is _____ in spite of _____

David said to the Philistine: "You come against me with a dagger, spear, and sword, but I come against you in the name of Yahweh of Hosts, the God of Israel's armies—you have defied Him. Today, the LORD will hand you over to me. Today, I'll strike you down, cut your head off, and give the corpses of the Philistine camp to the birds of the sky and the creatures of the earth. Then all the world will know that Israel has a God, and this whole assembly will know that it is not by sword or by spear that the LORD saves, for the battle is the LORD's. He will hand you over to us." When the Philistine started forward to attack him, David ran quickly to the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in the bag, took out a stone, slung it, and hit the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. David defeated the Philistine with a sling and a stone. Even though David had no sword, he struck down the Philistine and killed him. 1 Samuel 17:45-50 (HCSB)

My Next Step Today Is To:

- Trust my life to God as I make Him King of my life..
- With God's help to fight for my family rather when things get tough.
- Do what is right even when it is difficult.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Proverbs 24:3