

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: March 30, 2022**  
**1 Samuel 7:12-17**

1. What happened in our last study in 1 Samuel 7:1-11? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What did Samuel do in 7:12? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What did this stone (monument) represent to Israel?
  - a. Well, Ebenezer means “stone of help.”
  - b. Samuel said “thus far the Lord has helped us,” so I think it was meant to represent God’s intervention.
  - c. This was an important moment in Israel. It had seemed as if the Lord had abandoned them...Eli’s daughter in law even said so. However, he hadn’t completely abandoned them. He just wasn’t helping them while they were in rebellion against him and acting like they could handle things themselves. When they gathered in repentance and defeated the Philistines in battle, it was a stark contrast. God’s presence was no longer a tool to use so that they could win. God’s presence was first and only...and he protected them when they chose his presence instead of protecting themselves. So HE had helped them and that was important to remember.
4. Do we have monuments or tools of remembrance so that we remember the times of God’s faithfulness? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_
5. Name and describe some of them.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do we remember their full significance? Or is it possible for them to become more like the Ark of the Covenant? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What does 7:13-14 tell us about the Philistines? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What does 7:15-17 tell us about Samuel?
  - a. He was the leader of Israel all the days of his life.
  - b. He was acting as judge of Israel, like Moses before him, and traveled to different areas where the people were.