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Title: Dead Religion or Living Faith

Text: 1 Samuel 4:1–7:1

Big Idea: God will dismantle your system before He lets you settle for a dead faith.

I. Stop Faking It (4:1–22)

• Israel carried the ark like a lucky charm instead of repenting.

Noise without repentance is just noise (Isaiah 29:13).

Application: Stop faking it. Write down the ritual you're faking and surrender it to God.

II. Let God Fight (5:1-6:12)

God doesn't need our help to defend His glory.

Dagon fell before the ark. God's power isn't dependent on human strength.

• When we let go, God fights for us (Exodus 14:14).

Application: Let God fight. Pray: "Your battle, not mine."

III. Honor God's Presence (6:13-7:1)

- The men of Beth-shemesh treated the ark as a curiosity and died.
- God is holy: holiness isn't hostility—it's healing.
- Through Jesus, we can now draw near with confidence (Hebrews 10:19–22).

Application:

Honor His presence.

Holiness is God's way of caring for what sin has damaged.