

## A Careless Father and God's Response

1 Samuel 2

### A Careless Father

1. Eli's sinful sons 1 Samuel 2:12-19

- *Out-of-line actions*
- *"Off-the-wall" attitudes*

A contrasting reality 1 Samuel 2:18-21

2. Eli's selfish disobedience 1 Samuel 2:22-26

- *Disengaged from responsibility*
- *Focused on people*

3. Eli's severe judgment 1 Samuel 2:27-36

### Application and Illustrations – Some biblical observations...

Example #1 - Eli – a permissive parent

Example #2 - Lot – a neglectful parent

Example #3 - King Saul – an authoritarian parent

Example #4 - Abraham – an authoritative parent

Children really do need:

- *Adults who model spiritual integrity & consistency*
- *Adults who offer high levels of love for them*
- *Adults who understand high levels of discipline and how it differs from punishment*