LESSONS IN FREEDOM

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"These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come." 1 Corinthians 10:11 (NIV)

I. JOSHUA IS AN EXAMPLE OF Joshua 5:13-6:27

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Rom. 8:31 (NIV)

The lesson from Joshua:

WHEN YOU ______ THE LORD,

YOU HAVE

II. SAMSON IS A WARNING ABOUT

Judges 16:4-30

"He awoke from his sleep and thought, 'I'll go out as before and shake myself free.' But he did not know that the Lord had left him." Judges 16:20 (NIV)

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

The lesson from Samson:

NEVER BE ______ABOUT _____

III. SAUL IS A WARNING ABOUT

1 Samuel 15:1-35

"But Samuel replied: 'Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. For rebellion is like the sin of [witchcraft], and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king." 1 Samuel 15:22-23 (NIV)

The lesson from Saul:

GOD'S ______MUST BE _____

IV. DAVID IS AN EXAMPLE OF 2 Samuel 11:1-12:25

"Have mercy on me. O God, according to your unfailing love: according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge . . . Cleanse me, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow . . . Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me." Psalm 51:1-12 (NIV)

The lesson from David:

IS BEYOND

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." Matthew 5:8 (NIV)

TO "SEE" MEANS TO _

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 (NIV)