

**YE Testimonies – 2023**  
**1 Samuel 7:1–16**  
**“Celebrating God’s faithfulness in answering prayer”**  
**December 31, 2023**

Question to ask yourself:

How has the Lord been faithful to you in 2023?

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*“If you are returning to the LORD with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.” - 1 Sam 7:3*

*the Israelites put away their Baals and Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only.*

*Then Samuel said, “Assemble all Israel at Mizpah, and I will intercede with the LORD for you.” When they had assembled at Mizpah, they drew water and poured it out before the LORD. On that day they fasted and there they confessed, “We have sinned against the LORD.” - 1 Sam 7:4-6*

*While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the LORD thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites. The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Kar.*

*12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, “Thus far the LORD has helped us.” - 1 Samuel 7:10-12*

Ebenezer: אֶבֶן הָעֵזֶר, 'ében hā-'ézer, "the stone of help"

**“Thus far the Lord has helped us”**

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How has the Lord helped you?

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When did he rescue you?

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How has he helped your loved ones?

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When you stumbled, how did he pick you up?

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When you were grieving or in trouble, how did he comfort you?

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