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Ishmael	Genesis 21:8-9	Mocked young Isaac	All you have is a gift from God, so do not mock anyone for anything (I Cor 4:7).
Isaac	Genesis 22:7-8	Asked about sacrifice	Trust parents and pastor, though scared, when they tell you God will provide.
Rebekah	Genesis 24:10-21	Drew water for camels	Gracious service is special, which the servant wisely sought, and Rebekah won!
Rebekah	Genesis 24:55-58	Rebekah ready to go	If God is in a thing, and others depend on you, do not procrastinate (Ps 119:60).
Dinah	Genesis 34:1	Visited worldly girls	Worldly friends and places allow for danger and sin (Rom 13:14; I Cor 15:33).
Shechem	Genesis 34:19	Agreed to surgery	If you love someone, especially a girl, parents may want things – do them, now!
Joseph	Genesis 37:2	Gave father evil report	Do tell authority about real evil; he loved truth more than his brothers' approval.
Joseph	Gen 39:2-3,21,23	LORD with Joseph	No matter the situation, righteousness will bring God's blessings (Matt 6:33).
Joshua	Exodus 33:11	Stayed in tabernacle	Something is more important than duty, friends, or pleasure – walking with God.
Young Man	Num 11:27-29	Reported prophecy	Reporting irregularities is right, but do not condemn godly men (Luke 9:49-50).
Wilderness Youth	Num 14:28-35	Those under 20 spared	Learn by others' failures and purpose against them; be thankful for early mercy.
Virgin Maid	Deut 22:13-21	No proof of virginity	When God wrote laws, virginity was crucial, unlike this casual sex generation.
Young Spies	Joshua 6:23	Saved Rahab's family	Always keep your word, especially when the issues are important (Jos 2:18-21).
Jether	Judges 8:20	Youth could not kill	Adult decisions and actions are harder than you think, so prepare for them now.
Jephthah's Girl	Judges 11:36	Held father to oath	Once you give your word, especially to God, pay at any cost (Ps 15:4; Ec 5:1-7).
Samson	Judges 14:3	Craved Philistine girl	Marry only in the Lord, and that carefully, and trust your parents' judgment.
Jonathan a Levite	Judges 17:12	Priest for Micah	Some men will use religious compromise for their living, but you cannot do so.

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Ruth	Ruth 1:15-18	Refused dissuasion	No matter circumstances or discouragement, exalt godliness for a big blessing.
Ruth	Ruth 3:5	Agreed to pursue Boaz	Though bold advice, and from a mother-in-law, Ruth obeyed all Naomi told her.
Ruth	Ruth 3:11	Virtuous reputation	What makes a woman desirable to princes? Virtue, which is by the fear of God.
Samuel	I Sam 1:28; 2:18	He worshipped early	You are not too young; it is not too early; serve Him in days of youth (Ec 12:1).
Eli's Sons	I Sam 2:25	Profaned worship	There is a difference between sinning against the LORD or men (I Cor 6:1-8).
Samuel	I Samuel 2:26	Pleased God and men	Your goal in life should be to conduct yourself to please God and man (Lu 2:52).
Samuel	I Samuel 3:9	God called to him	God calls youth by parents, pastors, etc., your humility and preparation are key.
Saul	I Samuel 10:6,9	Made a new man	If God has assigned you a duty, do it without doubting, for He will enable you.
Jonathan	I Samuel 14:6	Challenged Philistines	Do not sit when there is good to be done; trust the Lord and take on a challenge.
Armorbearer	I Samuel 14:7	Followed Jonathan	To be a good friend means you will take on challenges with others (Prov 17:17).
David	I Samuel 17:29	Heard Goliath's dare	There are causes and related rewards worth fighting for e.g. truth, degree, etc.
Jonathan	I Samuel 18:1-4	Loved David as soul	Choose the very best friends and love them very much (Pr 13:20; 27:10; Tit 1:8).
Nabal's Servant	I Samuel 25:14-18	Told abuse of David	If you see abuse, or need authority for help, tell those higher or most honorable.
Young Egyptian	I Samuel 30:11-16	Gave up Amalekites	Perceived a better situation with David; an oath to God by the godly is security.
Young Amalekite	II Samuel 1:1-16	Lied for advantage	Never presume against one in authority; do not think you should lie to get ahead.
Ten Bodyguards	II Samuel 18:15	Killed Absalom	Obey the highest authority in a dilemma, regardless of the cost you may fear.
Ahimaaz	II Samuel 18:19-33	Told Absalom's defeat	Do not reject the advice of authority; lying before God to please men is foolish.
Abishag	I Kings 1:1-4	Cherished old David	Faithfulness and loyalty with privileged information is a sign of noble character.
Solomon	I Kings 3:5-14	Asked for wisdom	God has priorities for your life; choose them for a blessing (Prov 4:7; Mat 6:33).
Jeroboam	I Kings 11:28	Promoted by Solomon	Learn to work hard and make it your mark; it will pay for the rest of your life.
Rehoboam	I Kings 12:8	Chose young advice	Without overwhelming reasons, you should choose aged and proven counselors.

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Little Maid	II Kings 5:2	Told of leprosy cure	Vengeance is God's; you should love your enemies and do all you can for them.
Elisha's Servant	II Kings 6:15-17	Saw God's angels	Fear no enemy; remember angels (Ps 34:7); we see them by faith (II Cor 5:7).
Joash	II Chron 24:22	Killed Jehoiada's son	Remember every good deed done to you, and honor it, for God does not forget.
Uzziah	II Chron 26:1,16	Pride destroyed him	Pride goeth before a fall – learn to handle greatness and praise (Pr 16:18; 27:21).
Hezekiah	II Chron 29:1	Revival for the nation	Commit now as to what you will do in a job, in a marriage, in the church, etc.
Josiah	II Chron 34:3,8	Began revival in Judah	You are never too young; greatness begins in youth; God gave him His word.
Esther	Esther 2:15	Did her best in Persia	God makes de facto changes in circumstances, and wisdom adjusts (Gen 41:45).
Esther	Esther 4:14	Mordecai charged her	You must use influence God gives you for the help of right and truth (Pr 31:8-9).
Job's Sons	Job 1:4-5	Fear of their cursing	Foolishness is bound in young men; good character includes sobriety (Tit 2:6).
Elihu	Job 32:6	Corrected ancients	Though respectful of age, he boldly told four old men the truth (Ps 119:98-100).
Vulnerable Fool	Proverbs 7:7-9	First steps to adultery	A young man cannot be tempted if he stays far away from whores and darkness.
Daniel	Daniel 1:8	Purposed in his heart	Commit yourself to obey God against any pressure e.g. speech, sex, music, etc.
Shadrach, etc.	Daniel 3:16-18	Refused king's order	When facing trouble for obeying God's word, fear nothing; He will protect you.
Little Child	Matthew 18:1-10	Example of kingdom	Humility is key to kingdom greatness; young believers have mighty protectors.
Rich Ruler	Matthew 19:22-24	Riches over Christ	Ambitious desire for riches destroys; do not desire it (I Tim 6:6-10; Pr 23:4-5).
Maids at Trial	Matthew 26:69-72	Peter denied Jesus	It is better to say you cannot or will not, but then do it (Mat 21:28-31; Pr 18:17).
Jairus' Daughter	Mark 5:23,35-36	Raised from the dead	Pray or work until the baby dies (II Sam 12:22-23), but there are exceptions to it.
Scared Naked	Mark 14:51	Exposed in the Garden	Purpose in your heart, prepare, and get passionate to avoid most fear (Pr 18:17).
John Baptist	Luke 1:80	Strong in spirit young	By the fear of the Lord and power of Spirit, you can be bold (Pr 28:1; Gal 4:18).
Jesus	Luke 2:49	Honored God first	Regardless of intimidation or trouble, God's business must always be your first.
Jesus	Luke 2:51	Subject to His parents	Though you may know your parents' faults, you should fully obey them anyway.

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Lad with Lunch	John 6:9	Jesus fed 5,000 men	Your effort is often pitiful and weak, so remember God multiplies (Ps 127:1-2).
Pallbearers	Acts 5:6,10-11	Buried Ananias	Fearing God is the whole duty of man; it is especially for youth (Eccl 12:13,1).
Saul of Tarsus	Acts 7:58	Faithful to conscience	Your conscience is a candle from God – build it and obey it (Pr 20:27; Ac 23:1).
Eutychus	Acts 20:9-12	Slept during preaching	Proper preparation and right attitude will keep you awake, alert, and absorbing.
Paul's Nephew	Acts 23:16-22	Reported evil deed	There is a time to tell – report evil deeds to authority to help others (I Cor 1:11).
Timothy	II Timothy 1:7	No spirit of fear	Fear is for the carnal and wicked, so you should be brave and bold (Rom 8:15).
Timothy	II Timothy 3:15	Scriptures as a child	Leverage the advantage of knowing scripture from an early age; do not waste it

For Further Study:

A. The Character of Joseph.
B. The Heart of David.
C. Is There Not a Cause?
D. Elihu of Barachel.
E. Christ-Like Men.
F. Running Like Jesus.
G. Adorn the Truth.
H. Gracious Like Jesus.