

**Series:** Not by Might, a study in 1 Samuel

**Sermon:** Reason to Trust

**Primary Text:** 1 Samuel 2:1-11

**Discussion guide:**

- We read many scriptures about people singing and dancing before the Lord (see 2 Samuel 6:21; Psalms 59:16; 63:3-4; 89:1)? What is it about Him that causes people to react this way?
- Do you sing to the Lord? when? Why?
- What does it mean to be in awe of God?
- Why is being in awe of God essential to depending on Him?
- Read 1 Samuel 2:1
  - What does it mean for Hannah's heart to "exult" at being in the Lord?
    - Why does being "in the Lord" mean cause Hannah's heart to exult?
  - How does being in the Lord elevate our strength?
  - How does "rejoicing in her salvation" deride her enemies?
- Read 1 Samuel 2:2
  - Why does God want us to know that there is no one like Him?
    - Why do we need to know this?
- Read 1 Samuel 2:3
  - Why is humility before the Lord a key to peace?
- Read 1 Samuel 2:4-8
  - What does this text tell you about God?
  - Why can He do things that are sinful for us? ie - jealousy, anger, judging, killing
  - Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Whatever God does is righteous because it is He who does it."
- Read 1 Samuel 2:9-10
  - What is Hannah's point here?
  - How can we know we are in the Lord according to this passage?