Series: Not By Might, a study in 1 Samuel

**Sermon:** Choosing to Trust **Primary Text:** 1 Samuel 1

## Discussion guide:

- 1 Samuel 2:9b says "...for not by might shall man prevail."
  - o What does this verse mean to you?
  - o Why is this true?
- Read 1 Samuel 1
  - o What do these verses tell you about polygamy?
  - o Why was Hannah's "pouring out her soul to the Lord" the turning point in her story?
    - Notice she had peace before she knew how God would answer her question. Why did it bring her peace?
    - What does it look like to pour out our souls to God?
  - o Read Matthew 26:42
    - How is Jesus' prayer similar to Hannah's?
    - What was God's answer to Hannah and to Jesus?
    - Did they tell God what they wanted?
      - What was the qualifier?
  - o What promise did Hannah make to God?
    - Is this always the attitude we should have whenever God blesses us?
    - How can we use God's "noes" for His glory as well?
      - Why is this a display of trust in Him?