

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2023

Media Notes

## Becoming a Praying Mother

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Big Idea:

To teach mothers about the power and importance of their prayers for their families.

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I Samuel 1:9-28 ESV

**9** After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. **10** She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. **11** And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head."

**12** As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. **13** Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. **14** And Eli said to her, "How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you." **15** But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. **16** Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." **17** Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." **18** And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

**19** They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. **20** And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the Lord."

**21** The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. **22** But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear

in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever.” **23** Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. **24** And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. **25** Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. **26** And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. **27** For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. **28** Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord.”

And he worshiped the Lord there.

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We don't just start out as a praying mother, we become a praying mother.

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Becoming: to undergo change or development - a process

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Hannah's process began as a woman.

The next level of prayer began when she became a wife.

She desired to enter the zone of prayer as a mother.

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Verses 6,7 (please display scripture first and then the statement)

*And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. **7** So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat.*

Hannah's adversary/rival provoked her constantly.

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Hannah's Process: (verse 10)

1. She was deeply distressed (anxious)
2. She prayed to the Lord
3. She wept bitterly

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She made a vow with a promise attached in prayer. (Verse 11)

- begins by addressing God - *O Lord of hosts,*
- *if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and*
- *remember me and not forget your servant, but*
- *will give to your servant a son,*
- *then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, No razor come upon his head -*  
Nazarite vow

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As she prayed before the Lord:

- Eli, the priest marked her mouth
- Her lips moved, but there was no sound

Sometimes the people around us do not need to hear every word we are thinking.

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Hannah's Response: (Verse 16)

- No, my lord
- I am a woman troubled in spirit
- I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink
- I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord
- Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman
- All along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation

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Eli's response:

Verse 17:

- Go in peace
- And the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him

Hannah's response to Eli's words:

1. Let me find favor (grace) in your sight
2. She went her way
3. She ate
4. And her face was no longer sad

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Hannah conceives and gives birth to a son - Samuel = God has heard

Hannah goes back to Eli the priest and tells him of her answered prayer.

She brought an offering and a sacrifice along with the child.

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How do we become a mother, father, person of prayer?

1. Be honest with yourself about where you are at
2. Give yourself permission to feel
3. Make your request know to God and leave it with Him

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Mothers, following Hannah's example:

God gave these children to us.

It is our responsibility to give them back to God.

We do this through prayer.

End note:

Can you have the lyrics to God Turn It Around available? Not sure if we will use them but it would be good to have them available.

God Turn It Around

I'm praying, God come  
And turn this thing around  
God, turn it around

God, turn it around  
God, turn it around

I'm calling on the name  
That changes everything, yes  
God, turn it around  
God, turn it around  
God, turn it around

All of my hope  
Is in the name  
The name of Jesus  
Breakthrough will come  
Come in the name  
The name of Jesus

God, turn it around  
God, turn it around  
God, turn it around

He is up to something  
He is up to something  
God is doing something right now

He is up to something  
He is up to something  
God is doing something right now

He is healing someone  
He is saving someone  
God is doing something, oh, right now

He is moving mountains  
Making a way for someone  
God is doing something right now, right now