



Problems abound. No one gets to pass them up with a polite, “no thank you.” They come to all of us. Were we to take the time, there are likely stories we could share right now that might bring us to tears. What are we to do in these situations? Of course, it is to ask God for help. But in today’s passage, we are encountering a problem that looks to come from the Lord Himself. So, when that is the case, what is a person to do? How is he or she supposed to go to God who is bringing the difficulty?

### Hannah

1. Her desire wasn’t bad
2. Her situation was ugly
3. She remained unoffendable
4. Much more was happening than what she could see

### Lessons

1. God is trustworthy
2. Trusting is often difficult
3. Waiting is not unusual

What a beautiful example Hannah is to us. Her understated ways hid an amazing amount of trust in the Lord. Her quiet endurance under such harsh pressure should inspire all of us. In her steadiness and strength she reflects the character of Christ. Trouble did not undo Jesus. Hardship didn’t sink Him. And it is His words that bring us the greatest comfort and resolve in the midst of any problem we face. Not only is He always working on our behalf; He also said that He would never leave us alone. In any difficulty He is our anchor and refuge. May we always go to Him. For in Him we find not just our solution, but our salvation.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS for SMALL GROUPS

- What inspires you the most about Hannah’s remarkable faith?
- When problems come, how readily do you take them to the Lord? What tends to help the most (praying, reading the Bible, fasting, worship, etc.) ?
- Share a time that the Lord “came through” when you were facing a difficulty. How did He bring encouragement, strength or correction?