



Mega Transitions - Frustrated Dreams

Message to Conversation Guide

I. Breaking God's patterns creates complications in our lives.

- A. A man with two wives. The Bible records polygamy but doesn't endorse polygamy.

1 Sam 1:1-2

1 There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. 2 He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

- B. Polygamy never creates peace. It is always complicated people's lives.

1 Sam 1:4-8

4 Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. 5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb. 6 And because the Lord had closed her womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. 7 This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. 8 Elkanah her husband would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?" NIV

Matt 19:3-6

3 Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" 4 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate." (see 1 Tim 3:2)

II. Good and bad things happen simultaneously in our lives.

1 Sam 1:4-6

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III. The role of a Prophet is to foretell and to communicate what God wishes to say.

A. A prophet points out where we are off track.

1 Sam 3:15-21

15 Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the Lord. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, 16 but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son. "Samuel answered, "Here I am." 17 "What was it he said to you?" Eli asked. "Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything, he told you." 18 **So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him.** Then Eli said, "He is the Lord; let him do what is good in his eyes." 19 The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the Lord. 21 The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word. NIV

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for **teaching, rebuking, correcting** and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. NIV (see **Hebrews 12:11**)

IV. Hannah was barren and her barrenness made her frustrated.

1 Sam 1:2

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1 Sam 1:4-5

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1 Sam 1:19-20

19 Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah lay with Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. 20 **So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son.** She named him Samuel, NIV

V. Hannah celebrated her breakthrough **2 Samuel 2:1-10**

