

# Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series: "Your Moment", Week 2 – August 10, 2025 Faith-Defining Moments in Biblical History

#### Overview:

This week, we explored three powerful moments of faith that changed the course of biblical history: Hannah's transformative prayer, David's courage against Goliath, and the Widow of Zarephath's sacrificial trust. Each story reveals how God uses ordinary people in extraordinary moments when they align their hearts with His purposes.

Key Scripture Passages- 1 Samuel 17:10-11, 32, 37, 45-49 - David and Goliath; 1 Kings 17:13-16 - The Widow of Zarephath

#### **Main Themes:**

- **1. Hannah's Heart Transformation-** Hannah's moment wasn't about getting what she wanted from God, but about giving back to God. Her prayer shifted from selfish desire to surrendered partnership with God's plan.
- **2. David's Courageous Faith-** David saw Goliath not as an insurmountable obstacle, but as an opportunity for God to display His power. His past experiences with lions and bears prepared him for this defining moment.
- **3. The Widow's Sacrificial Trust-** Despite having only enough for one last meal, the widow chose to trust God's promise of provision over her own understanding of scarcity.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

What stood out to you most from this week's message? Which of the three biblical characters resonated with you and why? The sermon mentioned that "you can't compare your moment to other people's moment." Why is comparison dangerous when it comes to faith? Share an example of when comparison has affected your perspective.

Hannah's Prayer Life- Hanna's prayer life transformed from being selfishly motivated to being about honoring God. How would you describe your current prayer life? What motivates your prayers? The message suggested that "maybe the most powerful moment in your life won't be a public moment or miracle, but a private moment when your heart shifts in prayer." Can you think of a private moment of heart transformation in your own life? Hannah "finally understands it's all about partnering with God's plan." What does it mean to partner with God's plan in your current season of life? What might that look like practically?

David's Giant-Slaying Faith- David went from saying "somebody should do something" to "I think God wants me to do it." Describe a situation where you've thought, "somebody should do something about this." Could you be that somebody? David referenced his past victories over lions and bears as preparation for facing Goliath. How have your past struggles and victories prepared you for the current challenges you're facing? The sermon asked: "What Giant are you facing that God is positioning you to overcome?" What giant (fear, habit, situation, relationship) is standing in your way right now?

The Widow's Sacrificial Trust- The widow had to choose between trusting God's word and trusting her own understanding. When have you faced a similar choice? What helped you decide? "What if the very thing you're holding onto is the thing God is asking you to sacrifice?" What might God be asking you to release or sacrifice in this season? The message ended with "Faith is not proven in the plenty but in the sacrifice." How does this statement challenge or encourage you?

#### **Personal Application:**

All three characters had to move from their comfort zones into faith. What comfort zone might God be calling you to step out of? How do you typically respond when God's timing doesn't match your expectations? What can you learn from Hannah's long season of waiting? David was prepared for his moment through ordinary experiences (shepherding, protecting sheep). How might God be preparing you through your current ordinary circumstances?

**Closing Prayer Focus-** Pray for wisdom to recognize God's preparation in your life. Ask for courage to step into moments of faith when they come. Seek God's heart alignment over personal desires. Pray for those facing specific "giants" or challenges.

**Additional Resources for Further Study:** Read the complete stories: 1 Samuel 1:1-28 (Hannah), 1 Samuel 17 (David and Goliath), 1 Kings 17:7-24 (Widow of Zarephath). Consider keeping a prayer journal this week, noting when your prayers shift from asking to offering. Reflect on how God has prepared you through past difficulties for current opportunities



### CF PRAYER POINTS

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#### Spiritual Maturity & Unshakable Unity

Pray that God would ignite a deep hunger in every heart-for His word, for prayer, and for a life marked by holiness. Ask God to raise up spiritually mature believers who reflect Christ in every area of life and are willing to invest their abilities to build God's kingdom. Call on the Lord to unite our church in unity-rooted in love, fueled by grace, and focused on our shared mission of making disciples. May we move forward as one body with one heartbeat.



#### Global Impact through Kingdom Partnerships

Lift up our expanding Network of churches and ministry partners. Ask God to open doors, to forge Spirit-led connections, and give divine strategy to unite every partnership. Pray that through our unity and obedience, the Gospel would reach far beyond our city-impacting nations and transforming lives across the globe.



#### Irrational Generosity for the Next Generation

Pray for miraculous financial provision as we move forward to build our new Children's Ministry facility. Ask God to move hearts toward irrational generosity-giving not from pressure, but from vision, faith and spiritual maturity. Believe with us for a debt-free project that boldly invests in the spiritual future of our children.



#### Wisdom, Courage & Clarity for Leadership

Intercede for our pastors and leadership team. Pray that God would grant them wisdom, unwavering courage, and the ability to clearly discern His voice. Ask that every step they take would be led by the Spirit-not merely good ideas, but God-ordained decisions that align with His disciple making purpose and timing.



- Guyana VBS 8/7- 8/15
- Attic Retreat
   8/22- 8/24
- Alaska Build #2
   8/23 8/30

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