A Broken Kingdom: "Following God's Leading" 1 Samuel 1:21-28 March 17, 2024

- I. The <u>plea</u> for a son (Ch 1:4-6, 11-18)
  - 1. A sobering plan (vs 4-6)
  - 2. A <u>silent</u> prayer (vs 11-18)

Philippians 4:6

## II. The dedication of this son (Ch 1:19-20, 24-28)

- A prayer answered with "<u>ves!</u>" (vs 19-20) James 5:16, Genesis 3:15
- 2. A prayer answered with a "vow!" (vs 24-28)

## III. The <u>celebration</u> of this son (Ch 2:1-2, 6)

A celebration that God <u>is in control</u>. (vs 1-2, 6) Psalm 78:35

- 1. We know God is the source of lasting joy.
- 2. We know God is the source of our <u>power</u>. Romans 8:31
- 3. We know God is the source of our <u>holiness</u>.
- 4. We know God is the source of <u>life</u>.

## LET'S GO DEEPER:

1. What stands out to you the most in Hannah's prayer and vow? (Ch 1:9-11) Study cross references of the Nazarite vow and be prepared to explain it.

2. What are some other passages of women in the Bible who wanted children? Share what we know about those children's lives. How does this contrast to the attitudes of the unborn from some people today?

3. What does Hannah's example teach us about keeping our promises, especially promises made to God?

- 4. How would you explain to a non-believer Hannah's praise to God in Ch 2:1-2?
- 5. Describe in your own words the main point in Hannah's prayer in Ch 2:3-10.