

# **Mother's Day 2026**

## **"Story of a Momma named Hannah"**

### Encouraging facts about Mom's for Mother's Day

#### **1. Diaper Duty**

The average mother changes approximately 7,300 diapers by the time her child turns two.

#### **2. Mom's are constant attention givers**

A preschooler requires their mother's attention an average of 210 times per day (roughly once every 4 minutes).

#### **3. Moms are multitasking champions**

Studies show that moms often manage the equivalent of 2.5 full-time jobs between parenting, household responsibilities, and work.

#### **4. A mother's love has lasting impact**

Brain scans show that a mother's affection actually helps build a child's brain, promoting emotional resilience and intelligence.

#### **5. Moms are incredible teachers**

By age 5, the average child will learn over 13,000 words—most of them taught by their mom.

#### **6. Motherhood makes the heart stronger**

Research suggests that the emotional bonds formed in motherhood can reduce stress and improve heart health for both mom and child.

#### **7. Moms are everyday heroes**

From comforting cries to cheering on successes, moms provide a constant source of support, encouragement, and strength.

#### **8. They are the glue of generations**

Mothers often serve as the emotional and relational hub of families, keeping traditions alive and generations connected.

### **This is what I know about Mom's**

- Mom's are incredible Spiritual Anchors and Examples
- Mom's are powerful examples of Faith; from their devotion God, their unwavering faith in us, to the way they handle life challenges.
- Mom's are great examples of Hard Work, Diligence and Passion.
- Mom's teach us what conviction looks like. When they sense something isn't good they speak up.
- A Mom can tell when something is wrong with a loved one and she will ask you about it...
- Because of her instinct, she has the ability to lead and teach her children even in areas she never claimed to be an expert.
- A Mother will Protect her children even if it costs her life.
- She is most likely the 1<sup>st</sup> example of a servant you will ever see and possibly the best you will ever see.
- Moms make things special. (Birthdays, Holidays, Celebrations)

### **Happy Mother's Day**

#### **1 Samuel 1** NIV

**1** There was a certain man from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah. **2** He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

**3** Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the Lord Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the Lord. **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** Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb, her rival (Peninnah) 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** Her husband Elkanah 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?”

**9** Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord’s house. **10** In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. **11** And she made a vow, saying, “Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.”

**12** As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth.

**13** Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk **14** and said to her, “How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine.”

**15** “Not so, my lord,” Hannah replied, “I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. **16** Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.”

**17** Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”

**18** She said, “May your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

**19** Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. **20** So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the Lord for him.”

Hannah Teaches us:

## 1. To Persevere in Hardship

### **Vs. 6,7**

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- I don't know why it goes this way, but God's Divine Purpose is often met with Resistance.
- We see it in the story of Moses when he was born. The Pharaoh calling for all the Hebrew boys to be killed. The Midwives feared the Lord and protect the baby boys and told Pharaoh the Hebrew women have their babies before they get to them.
- We see it when Jesus is born. Herod called for the baby boys in Bethlehem and vicinity 2 years and younger to be killed.

**Question:** What were the names of Peninnah's children? What was the name of Hannah's son?

- It just so happened that Samuel's birth was on the providential timeline of what God was doing in Israel. Samuel the Prophet was one of the greatest prophets in the Bible and serves as the last Anointed Judge over Israel.
- Hannah was barren, but also in a place of preparation for what God ultimately had in store. She Persevered in the oil press of Hardship and God was bringing her to a place of Intercession.
- Every Powerful Move of God is birthed at a place of intercession and I would say painful desperation for God.

## **Proverbs 13:12**

Hope deferred makes the heart sick,  
but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

- Because Hannah Persevered her longing was fulfilled.

Hannah Teaches us:

## **2. There is Power in Prayer**

### **Vs. 9-11**

**9** Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house. **10** In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. **11** And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

The text says in **Vs. 9** "Hannah stood up".

- After a time of weeping and sorrow something shifted. Hannah knew she needed God's help and without it nothing would change.
- The text doesn't say she told Elkanah or Peninnah. It just says she stood up and carried her burden to God in prayer...

### **Matthew 6:6**

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

- The sign of a true prayer warrior is they don't mind praying alone...
- They might actually prefer it sometimes...

- The times when I've heard God's voice in powerful ways have been in moments like this, when I met with God alone and spoke candidly from my heart to God without anyone else around...
- I believe that is exactly the place where Hannah was, it just so happened that Eli was there and oversaw her prayer time...
- Our Burden in our hands is overwhelming. Our Burden in God's hands is an opportunity for God to Move.

### **1 Peter 5:7** NKJV

casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

### **Philippians 4:6-7** NKJV

**6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication (*earnest asking*), with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **7** and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

### **1 John 5:14**

**14** This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. **15** And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

- Hannah's desire to have a baby boy wasn't just what she wanted, It's also what God wanted. She became so desperate for a Son that she made a promise to God that she will even give him back to the Lord.

Hannah Teaches us:

### **3. What God can do with an Offering**

#### **Vs. 24-28**

**24** After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine,

and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. **25** When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, **26** and she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. **27** I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. **28** So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.”

- Hannah Joyfully received a gift from God in Samuel and Hannah kept her promise to God and gave Samuel back to the Lord as an offering.

### **The result of Hannah giving Samuel back to the Lord:**

- Samuel learned to hear the voice of the Lord at a young age... (1 Samuel 3)
- Samuel became the Prophet that lead Israel and during his time anointed Saul and David as Kings over Israel...
- Samuel was the Voice of God to his People...
- Samuel honored God and God honored Samuel. Never did God allow Samuels words to fall to the ground. ( 1 Samuel 3:19)
- God gave Hannah three sons and two daughter. (1 Samuel 2:21)

This brings to mind that many accounts in the Bible where an Offering is given to God and used as an example it's with Women.

### **Luke 21 - The Widows Mite**

**1** And He (Jesus) looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, **2** and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites (**two small copper coins**). **3** So He said, “Truly I say to you that this

poor widow has put in more than all; **4** for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.”

- The Widows Mite, even though it was the smallest gift given, is recorded in scripture as an example of what it means to give to God sacrificially. This impressed Jesus
- Offerings to God begin with understanding that everything we have, God has given it to us. We give back a portion to God of what he has given us. This woman gave back to God all she had.

### **John 4 - The Woman at the Well**

**21** “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

**22** You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. **23** Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **24** God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

- Jesus said, God is Spirit and “True Worship” happens when we worship God in Spirit and in Truth. This is the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.
- God first gives us his Holy Spirit and Truth and then we give it back to him in the form of Worship. This is pleasing to the Lord.

### **Mark 14 - Mary of Bethany**

**3** While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive

perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

**4** Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? **5** It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.

**6** “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. **7** The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. **8** She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. **9** Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

- Hannah is remembered forever because she gave back to God Samuel.
- The Widow is remembered forever because she gave back to God all she had. Two small copper coins.
- The Woman at the well is remembered because she experienced a personal encounter with Jesus and became a bold witness for Jesus.
- Mary of Bethany is forever remembered because she worshipped Jesus and anointed his body before he was crucified with something as valuable as a year's wages.