

Portraits of *Faith*

WEBS Series

With

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Noah
Faith that
Obeys God



**Joseph
Faith that
Forgives**

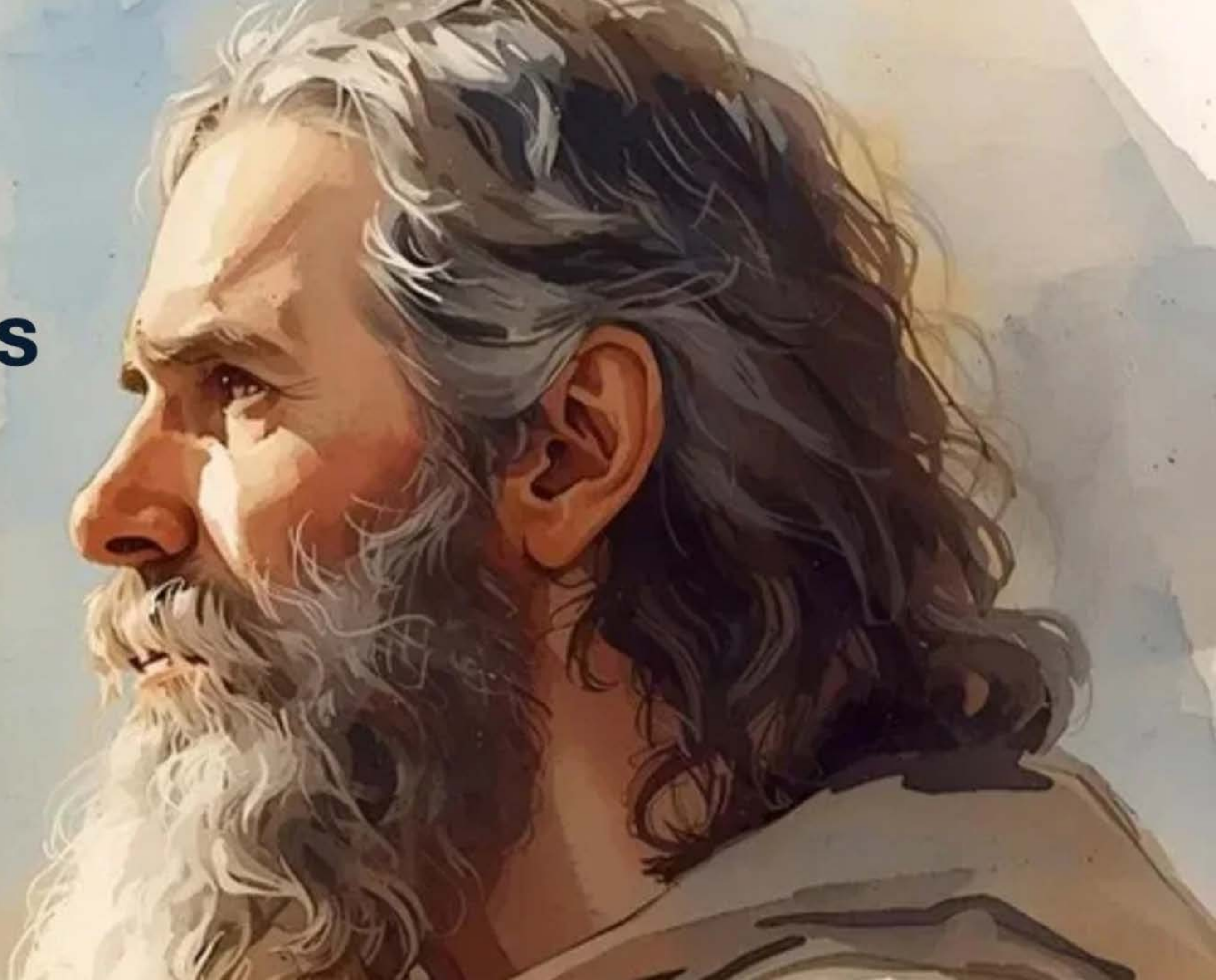


Ruth: Faith That Remains Loyal

Daniel:
Faith That
Will Not
Compromise

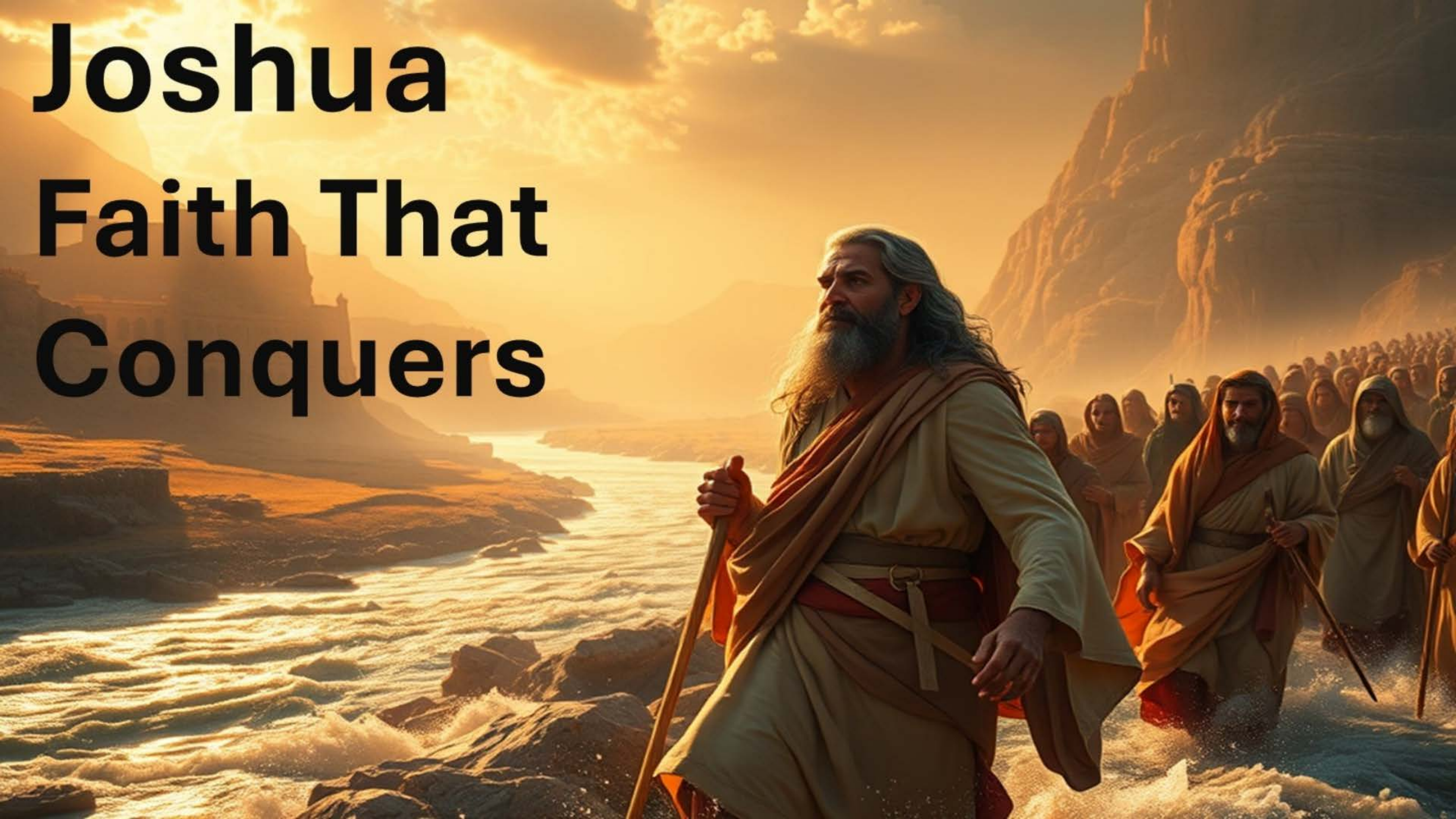


Barnabas Faith That Encourages



Abraham Faith That Follows





Joshua

Faith That

Conquers



Hannah: A Faith That Prays

1 Samuel 1:1–28

**Hannah:
A Faith That Prays**

Hannah teaches us to
carry our deepest
burdens to God.

Everybody Carries Burdens

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- Some tears fall and nobody sees them but God.

A Faith That Prays

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- Hannah could not change her circumstances.
- But she could pray about them!

1. Her Pain Was Personal

It was a burden only God could understand.

1 Samuel 1:6–7

“And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. ...when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore, she wept and did not eat.”

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Year after year, her arms remained empty.

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Peninnah used Hannah's disappointment to upset her.

1) An unfulfilled desire

2) A hostile rival

3) A loving but confused Husband

1 Samuel 1:8

“Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?”

2. Her Prayer Was Passionate

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She brought a broken heart
before the Lord.

1 Samuel 1:10

“And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.”

1) She prayed honestly

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She did not pretend
that everything was all right.

1 Samuel 1:12–13

“And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.”

“Now Hannah, she spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard therefore, Eli thought she had been drunken.”

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Heaven heard what
Eli could not hear.

1 Samuel 1:15

“And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink but have poured out my soul before the LORD.”

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**She brought the whole
burden before Him.**

An earnest heart can pray
without eloquent words.

3. Her Promise Was Purposeful

Her request included
Her willingness to surrender.

1 Samuel 1:11 (1 of 2)

“And she vowed a vow, and said,
O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt
indeed look on the affliction of thine
handmaid, and remember me, and
not forget thine handmaid,”

1 Samuel 1:11 (2 of 2)

“but will give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.” (Nazirite Vow)

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She approached God
as His servant.

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The child she longed to hold
would belong to the Lord.

1 Samuel 1:27-28

“For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him Therefore, also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be lent to the LORD...”

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She remembered her vow
after the blessing came.

Faith remains faithful
after our prayer is answered.

4. Her Peace Was Powerful

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Her peace came before
Samuel's birth.

1 Samuel 1:17

“Then Eli answered and said,
Go in peace: and the God of
Israel grant thee thy petition
that thou hast asked of him.”

1 Samuel 1:18

“And she said, Let thine
handmaid find grace in thy sight.
So, the woman went her way,
and did eat, and her countenance
was no longer sad.”

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She still had no child.

But something had changed
within her.

- 1) Her circumstances remained**
- 2) Her burden had lost its grip**

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She could eat again.

She moved on with faith.

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**She trusted Him before
she saw the answer.**

5. Her Praise Was Public

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The woman who came with tears returned with a testimony.

1 Samuel 1:20

“Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked *for* him from the LORD.”

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Hannah knew that God had answered her prayer.

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Her testimony can encourage others to trust in the Lord.

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Her thanksgiving
included action.

1 Samuel 2:1

“And Hannah prayed, and said,
My heart rejoices in the LORD,
mine horn is exalted in the LORD:
my mouth is enlarged over mine
enemies; because I rejoice in thy
salvation.”

Our answered prayers become
Opportunities for Public Praise.

She came with empty arms.
She returned with Samuel.

While God does not give
everyone the same story.

We can still trust His care.

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- Praise His faithfulness.

What burden do you need to carry
to the Lord tonight?

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- Hannah entered **B**roken
- She left **B**elieving

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- Hannah entered **B**roken
- She left **B**elieving
- God **B**lessed her