

I'm Just... Part 1: I'm Just a Mom

Objective: To help us become more intentional about praying and trusting God with our families.

Read together:

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."

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."

"After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord, and he will live there always..."

...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." And he worshiped the Lord there.

I Samuel 1:10-11, 12-16, 22, 24-28

- Hannah was so focused on God when she prayed that she didn't care how she looked or what other people thought. How might your prayers change if you had that kind of focus?
- If you're a parent, what is (or has been) the hardest area to trust God when it comes to the lives of your children. Do you believe God loves your children more than you do? How can you show you believe that?
- Trusting God enough to fully surrender is a very difficult thing for most of us to do. Are there specific areas of your life where you struggle to fully surrender to God? What about surrendering in those areas causes you the most worry.
- What is the greatest thing you can imagine your children (or grandchildren) doing for the glory of God? What are you willing to do in order to help them achieve that?
- What is the one legacy you want to leave behind more than any other? Are you willing to be intentional about praying and sacrificing to see it happen?

Final Thought: Even though we may not see it, we have the ability to radically shape the future by praying and surrendering. This week, be intentional about your prayers and ask God where you need to surrender.