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Praying for Real - Feb. 21, 2016

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 - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
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 - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
February 21, 2016



What can we learn from Hannah about prayer?

Big Idea: Be real with God as you persevere in prayer.

1 Samuel 1:1-20

1 Samuel 1:9-11 Once after a sacrificial meal at Shiloh, Hannah got up and went to pray. Eli the priest was sitting at his customary place beside the entrance of the Tabernacle. ¹⁰ Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord. ¹¹ And she made this vow: "O Lord of Heaven's Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the Lord, his hair will never be cut."

Hebrews 10:19-23 And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. ²⁰ By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. ²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, ²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT).