

# Samuel – A Light in the Darkness

1 Samuel 1:21-2:10



## Big Takeaway from Session 1

God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate our faith with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ even when we're not getting the answers we want, in the timing we want!

### I. Going All In

\_\_\_\_\_ asked of the Lord, heard of God, the name of God

Elkanah, Penninah, and crew return to Shiloh for the family sacrifice; Hannah stays home with Samuel but \_\_\_\_\_ her vow

#### Why Weaning?

On a normal \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in understandable words

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Beyond major \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (for the most part)

Samuel was probably about a \_\_\_\_\_ when Hannah leaves him at the temple in service of the LORD and under the care of Eli, the priest

For a vow made by a woman to have meaning her \_\_\_\_\_ needs to affirm it

### II. Fulfilling the Vow

It appears that Hannah fulfills her vow to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ God gives her any additional children

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ elements of a sacrifice

Hannah realizes God \_\_\_\_\_ Samuel to her, and now she is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord what is rightfully His

### III. Hannah's Prayer

While Hannah is thankful that God remembered her and fulfilled her desires, the prayer focuses more on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ than on her own circumstances

#### Who God Is

God is \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2)

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#### What God Does

\_\_\_\_\_ the proud (v. 3)

\_\_\_\_\_ the deeds (v. 3)

\_\_\_\_\_ the strong and self-reliant (v. 4)

\_\_\_\_\_ the fortunes (hunger, barrenness, life, poverty) (v. 5-8)

\_\_\_\_\_ the needy (v. 8)

\_\_\_\_\_ over the earth (v. 8)

\_\_\_\_\_ his servants (v. 9)

\_\_\_\_\_ the strong (v. 9)

\_\_\_\_\_ the earth (v. 10) those who oppose God will lose

\_\_\_\_\_ his King (v. 10) foreshadows Samuel, David, and Jesus

Hannah's first prayer (1 Sam 1:11) \_\_\_\_\_

WHO GOD IS

then makes her \_\_\_\_\_

Hannah's second prayer \_\_\_\_\_ God for answering her first prayer

then \_\_\_\_\_ WHO GOD IS and WHAT GOD DOES

#### IV. Big Takeaway

If you want to see results like Hannah saw, you need to pray like Hannah prayed—in \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and in \_\_\_\_\_ that God will act consistently with His \_\_\_\_\_, WHO HE IS, and His \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT HE DOES.

#### Table Talk Ideas

1. Introduce yourselves and get to know a bit about one another.
2. Did anything surprise you in the account of the dedication of Samuel?
3. How do we "give" things to the Lord in our world? What is God or has God asked you to "give" to him?
4. Which of the Who God Is and What God Does statements mean the most to you? Is there a reason why you selected this attribute?
5. Are you in the regular habit of praying how Hannah prayed—focused on who God is and what He does more than on her circumstances? What would help you pray more like Hannah?
6. How could you use Hannah's prayer to encourage another woman?