

Life lessons from a good mama!

Hannah

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I Samuel 1: There was a man from Ramathaim-zophim in^a the hill country of Ephraim. His name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ² He had two wives, the first named Hannah and the second Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah was childless. ³ This man would go up from his town every year to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of Armies at Shiloh, where Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were the LORD's priests.

I. A little about Hannah

A. She was a favorite of her husband

⁴ Whenever Elkanah offered a sacrifice, he always gave portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to each of her sons and daughters. ⁵ But he gave a double^b portion to Hannah, for he loved her even though the LORD had kept her from conceiving.

B. She was a heart broken about her childlessness

² He had two wives, the first named Hannah and the second Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah was childless.

⁶ Her rival would taunt her severely just to provoke her, because the LORD had kept Hannah from conceiving.

⁸ "Hannah, why are you crying?" her husband, Elkanah, would ask. "Why won't you eat? Why are you troubled? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

¹⁰ Deeply hurt, Hannah prayed to the LORD and wept with many tears.

¹⁵ "No, my lord," Hannah replied. "I am a woman with a broken heart.

⁹ On one occasion, Hannah got up after they ate and drank at Shiloh.^[a] The priest Eli was sitting on a chair by the doorpost of the LORD's temple

¹² While she continued praying in the LORD's presence, Eli watched her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was praying silently, and though her lips were moving, her voice could not be heard. Eli thought she was drunk ¹⁴ and said to her, "How long are you going to be drunk? Get rid of your wine!"

C. BUT GOD....blessed her with a child

²⁰ After some time,^[a] Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel,^[a] because she said, "I requested him from the LORD."

II. Why talk about Hannah?

Because of the legacy she left..

II. What can we learn from Hannah?

A. Passionate prayer matters!

Phil 4:6⁶ Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.



Rom 8:28 We know that all things work together^[a] for the good^[b] of those who

love God, who are called according to his purpose.

B. Raising kids in the faith **MUST BE INTENTIONAL**. It does not “just happen”.

C. The community we choose to introduce our kids to matters a lifetime

²⁶ “Please, my lord,” she said, “as surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. ²⁷ I prayed for this boy, and since the LORD gave me what I asked him for, ²⁸ I now give the boy to the LORD. For as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.” Then he[□] worshiped the LORD there.^[m]

D. Our investments in the next generation make an eternal difference!