

¹ Sam. ¹ There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ² He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none. ³ Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD. ⁴ Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶ Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival **1) Kept 2) Provoking her** in order to **3) Irritate her**. ⁷ This **went on year after year**. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival **4) Provoked her** till she **5) Wept** and would **6) Not Eat**. ⁸ Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you **7) Weeping?** Why **8) Don't you Eat?** Why are you **9) Downhearted?** Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"

⁹ Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, **Hannah STOOD UP**. Now Eli the priest was **sitting** on his chair by the doorpost of the LORD's house. ¹⁰ In her **10) Deep 11) Anguish** Hannah prayed to the LORD, **12) Weeping 13) 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**."

¹² As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli **observed her mouth**. ¹³ Hannah was **14) praying** in her heart, and her lips were **moving 15) 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 **16) Deeply 17) 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 **18) Great 19) Anguish and 20) Grief**." ¹⁷ Eli answered "Go in peace, and **may the God of Israel grant you** what you have asked of him."

Hearing from GOD → the Biggest Factor is the _____ in my soul!

¹⁸ She said, "May your servant **find favor** in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was **no longer downcast**. ¹⁹ Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰ So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him **Samuel, Sha-MAY-HEAR & EL-GOD** saying, "Because I **asked the LORD for him**."

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²¹ When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vow, ²² Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, "**After the boy is weaned**, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will **live there always**." ²³ "Do what seems best to you," her husband Elkanah told her. "Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the LORD make good his word." So the woman **stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him**.

²⁴ **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.

1. Can you **influence** your child so **powerfully** in their **first 4-5 years** that it **sets the direction** of their **soul** for the **rest of their lives** – **even** if you were _____ **able to raise them yourself?**

2. Can **any good** things come out of the **horrible abuse** of being **bullied?**

i. **TWENTY** times the scriptures refer to Hannah's **PAIN!**

ii. The **DEPTH** of our **PAIN** can produce a **100X greater Authority** to _____!

3. When I turn **PAST Pain** into **FUTURE Passion** | **TAP** into **God's** _____ **Heart**