

# Key Takeaways and Discussion Questions



## Key Takeaways:

1. God often works through our weaknesses.
2. We need to pray honestly with God.
3. Everything we have belongs to God.
4. Our response to God's work should be worship and praise.

## Discussion Questions:

1. The sermon mentions that "God often works through our weaknesses." Can you share a time when you experienced God working through a weakness or struggle in your life?
2. Hannah prayed honestly, even to the point of appearing drunk. How comfortable are you with expressing raw emotions to God in prayer? What might hold you back from this kind of honesty?
3. Pastor Jonathan said, "Prayer isn't us trying to control God. It's us giving control to him." How does this perspective challenge or affirm your understanding of prayer?
4. Hannah gave her son Samuel back to God. What is something in your life that you find difficult to surrender to God? Why?
5. How does Hannah's story of waiting and trusting God encourage you in your current circumstances?
6. The sermon mentions Scotty Scheffler using his platform to point to Jesus. How can we use our gifts, roles, or positions to glorify God in our daily lives?
7. Hannah's prayer of praise focuses on God, not the gift she received. How can we cultivate an attitude of worship that goes beyond just thanking God for blessings?

## Practical Applications:

1. This week, try to pray more honestly to God. Share your raw emotions, doubts, and struggles without holding back.
2. Identify one area of your life where you're holding back from fully surrendering to God. Take a step towards releasing control in that area.
3. Write a prayer of praise focusing solely on who God is, not on what He's done for you.
4. Look for an opportunity to use your gifts or position to point others to Jesus, like Scotty Scheffler did.
5. When facing a weakness or struggle, ask God how He might work through it for His glory.