

“A Godly Mother in a Wayward Land”
(1 Samuel 1:1 – 2:11)

Every Hebrew woman, including Hannah, desired to bear children. However, she was barren and was continually taunted by a rival who bore many children. Hannah took her burden to the Lord in prayer, and great things happened both for her and her wayward nation. We can learn practical life lessons as we observe the sequence of . . .

Hannah’s Problem (1-8)

- Problem in [Her Home](#) (1-3)
- Problem in [Her Heart](#) (4-8)

Hannah’s Prayer (9-16)

- Marked by [Faith](#) (9-11)
- Marked by [Fervency](#) (12-16)

Hannah’s Peace (17-18)

- Declaration of [the Word](#) (17)
- Decision of [the Will](#) (18)

Hannah’s Praise (1:19-2:11)

- [A Dedication](#) to the Lord (1:19-28)
- [A Declaration](#) of the Lord (2:1-11)

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Small Group/Family Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Share a special thought or memory of your mother, or something you appreciate about her.

1. The text repeats two times that “the Lord closed her womb” (1 Sam 1:5-6). Why does God give Hannah (and also us) painful trials and problems?
2. What are some important lessons we can learn from Hannah’s prayer in 1 Sam 1:9-16?
3. What brought about the positive change in Hannah’s disposition seen in 1 Sam.1:18? How is 1 John 5:14-15 a helpful promise for us in a similar way?
4. How is Hannah’s giving her son to the service of the Lord a great example for Christian parents (See 1 Sam 1:26-28)?
5. Read Hannah’s psalm of praise in 1 Sam 2:1-11. What is something that challenges or encourages you in these verses?

Small Group Prayer – Take some time to offer a prayer of thanks for your mother. Also include prayers for the mothers in our church family.

Digging Deeper – Finish reading 1 Samuel 2 and take note of the contrast between young Samuel and the two sons of Eli. What can we learn from the approach to parenting of Hannah compared to that of Eli.