

MOTHERS, OTHERS AND HANNAH'S HOPE

What God Does With Waiting Hearts

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Text: 1 Samuel 1:1-28

I. HANNAH'S PAIN

1 Sam. 1:6 - 8,10

"She carried burdens no one else could fully see."

- Hannah was wounded emotionally v.6
- Provoked constantly v.6,7
- Misunderstood deeply v.8
- Cried incessantly v.10

"She wept and would not eat." v.7

The Gender Difference many women carry:

- _____ 70% W 31% M
- Silent _____ 48% W 23% M
- Loneliness 59% W 57% M
- Exhaustion 71% W 60% M
- _____ questions .86% W .65% M

"Even in laughter the heart may be broken." Prov. 14:13

(also: Prov. 15:13 "A joyful heart makes a face cheerful, but a sad heart produces a broken spirit")

II. HANNAH'S PRAYER

v. 10-13,16

"She poured out to God what she could not explain to people."

"I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." v. 16

Hannah teaches us:

- Pain can push us towards God v. 15
- Brokenness can become our prayer v. 16
- Honest prayer still moves heaven v. 17

"Hannah didn't pretend to be strong... she prayed because she wasn't"

Mothers & Others

Women today need:

- Peace Phil. 4:6,7
- Emotional Safety Is. 41:10
- Spiritual strength Prov. 31:25
- A place to pour out their hearts Ps. 62.8

III. HANNAH'S PEACE

v. 17-20

"Before her situation changed... her spirit changed."

1 Samuel 1:18

"Her face was no longer sad." v. 18

Nothing had changed externally yet:

- No baby yet
- No answer yet
- No miracle yet

But prayer shifted her heart.

"Sometimes God gives peace - before he gives provision."

Application

Women today are not just praying for:

- Answers
- Relationships
- Finances
- Healing... they're praying for strength to keep going

IV. HANNAH'S PROMISE

v. 26-28

"What God births in you is meant for His purpose."

God gave Hannah Samuel. The name Samuel means:

Today we use the phrase _____

... and Hannah gave Samuel back to God

"For this child I prayed..." v. 27

PROMISE

"Your story is bigger than your struggle."