

Hannah's Savior

1 Samuel 1:1-2:10

- Hannah's sorrow teaches us that this WORLD can never give us the SIGNIFICANCE or fulfillment we desire.
- Hannah's response shows us that SURRENDER to God is the path to real JOY.
- Hannah's story reminds that Jesus is our only SAVIOR, and He saves the weak by GRACE alone.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read 1 Samuel 1:1-8. What are the two voices to Hannah saying? What do the voices of our culture say to us? Where are we tempted to find our identity and significance?
2. Have you or anyone you've known ever struggled with infertility? How did you handle that? What makes that difficult? How do you think it was different in ancient Israelite culture?
3. Read 1 Samuel 1:9-11. How is Hannah's response instructive to us? What stands out to you about her prayer?
4. Read 1 Samuel 1:18-20. Is Hannah bargaining with God? When does Hannah get peace and joy? Why does the order of events matter here?
5. In our lives, what are some things we need to surrender to God? (See Phil 4:6-7; 1 Pet 5:6-7; Psalm 55:22; Matt 6:25-34; Phil 4:11-13; Heb 13:5; 1 Tim 6:6-10)
6. Compare Hannah's prayer (1 Sam 2:1-10) to Mary's prayer (Luke 1:46-55). What similarities do you see? How does Hannah's story point us to Jesus?
7. Read Romans 12:1. What does it mean to be a living sacrifice in light of this story?

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