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August 29 & 30, 2026 | Hannah's Prayer | 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

*1 Samuel 1:1 There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. 2 He had **two wives**...*

*1 Samuel 1:2 ...The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but **Hannah had no children**.*

We've got to engage a broken, painful world where our loving God is ALLOWING things we don't understand.

THE PRESSURE

*1 Samuel 1:6 And her rival [Peninnah] used to **provoke** her grievously to irritate her, 7 So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to **provoke** her...*

*1 Samuel 1:8 And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? **Am I not more to you than ten sons?**"*

HURT people HURT people...

...unless they TURN to the LORD.

THE PRAYER

1. Hannah offered an authentic prayer of PAIN.

1 Samuel 1:10 ***She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly.*** 11 And she vowed a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will **give** to your servant a son, then I will **give** him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head.”

- a. Her prayer was short and MESSY.
- b. Her prayer was WELCOMED.

2. Hannah offered an authentic prayer of PRAISE.

1 Samuel 2:1 And Hannah prayed and said, “***My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD.*** My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. 2 “There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. 3 Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. 4 The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. 5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. ***The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.*** 6 The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. 7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. 8 He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’s, and on them he has set the world. 9 “He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. 10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. ***The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.***”

- a. Her prayer was long and THOUGHTFUL.
- b. Her prayer was DEFINING.

THE POINT

- 1. Bring your PAIN to the Lord.
- 2. Establish your PERSPECTIVE with praise.

THE PRACTICE

- 1. With PAIN:
 - a. Notice where you’re POINTING your pain.
 - b. Just START praying.

2. With PRAISE:

- a. Keep your EYES up.
- b. Set up a MONUMENT.

3. With BOTH:

Let SCRIPTURE lead.

A prompt for prayers of PAIN:

Psalm 6:4 Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love. 5 For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise? 6 I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping. 7 My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.

A prompt for prayers of PRAISE:

Psalm 145:17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. 18 The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. 19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. 20 The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. 21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.