

Series: Focusing on Your Family
Message: A Woman of Faith
1 Samuel 1 & 2 (AM 5/14/17)

"I regard no man poor who has a godly mother", Abraham Lincoln. The foundations of great cultures are built by the influence of godly mothers on their children. Although we are drifting, America has been an example of that truth for 240 years. Hannah's life demonstrates this principle perfectly. Her unwavering faithfulness to the Lord and His purposes serves as an inspirational model for mothers in every generation. Let's revisit her story on Mother's Day and glean truths to inspire us to raise up a generation of faithful mothers.

Hannah's Situation (1:1-8) A Mother's Heartache

God understands your pain

- She was barren (5) *"The Lord had closed her womb..."*
- She was berated (6) *"Her rival also provoked her severely..."*
- She was broken (7) *"She wept and did not eat..."*
- She was blessed (8) *"Am I not better to you than ten sons?"*

Hannah's Supplication (1:9-18) A Mother's Hope

God and your family are moved by your prayers

- She brought her problem to the Lord (9) *"Now Hannah arose... Temple"*
- She was broken before the Lord (10) *"She was in bitterness of soul..."*
- She believed the Lord (11) *"I will give him to the Lord..."*
- She was blessed by the Lord (17) *"May... God... grant your request"*

Hannah's Success (1:19-28) A Mother's Heart

God's Kingdom is advanced by your passion

- The Lord blessed Hannah (19-20) *"The Lord remembered her..."*
- Hannah blessed Samuel (21-23) *"Not until the child is weaned..."*
- Hannah blessed the Lord (24-28) *"I also have lent him to the Lord..."*
- Samuel blessed Hannah (2:11) *"But the child ministered to the Lord..."*

Application to life: Thank you moms for influencing our lives for the Gospel! I trust that Hannah's story inspired mothers from all walks of life. Some moms need to stay the course and trust the Lord even in their pain. Others need to recognize their eternal role in raising up fully devoted Christ followers to impact their culture for Christ. Every mother needs to value and use their influence in raising up fully devoted Christ followers. How desperately our culture needs Followers and not merely Fans of Jesus.