

# A MODEL FOR MOTHERHOOD

## Hannah

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### 1 Samuel 1

*There was a certain man ... whose name was Elkanah...He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none...And because the LORD had closed her womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her... In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. And she made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, ... As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, "How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine." "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."*

1 Samuel 1:1-18(NIV)

### 1. No matter how great your faith, \_\_\_\_\_

*And the Lord had closed her womb.* Verse 6

*Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?* Job 2:10

*"Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"*

Verse 8

### 2. Let your problems drive you \_\_\_\_\_ ... "she kept on praying to the Lord."

Verse 12

*Parable of the Persistent Widow*

Luke 18:1-8

*"We also rejoice in our sufferings because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character, and character hope. And hope does not disappoint us because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us."*  
Romans 5:3-4

### 3. Expect barrenness to bring \_\_\_\_\_ ...the LORD remembered her. So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him."

1 Samuel 1:19-20(NIV)

*We don't want you in the dark, friends, about how hard it was when all this came down on us in Asia province. It was so bad we didn't think we were going to make it. We felt like we'd been sent to death row, that it was all over for us. As it turned out, it was the best thing that could have happened. Instead of trusting in our own strength or wits to get out of it, we were forced to trust God totally — not a bad idea since he's the God who raises the dead! And he did it, rescued us from certain doom. And he'll do it again, rescuing us as many times as we need rescuing.*  
2 Corinthians 1:8-10(MSG)

## 3 WAYS GOD RESCUES

By changing \_\_\_\_\_

By changing \_\_\_\_\_

By ending all suffering for eternity in \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Let God's blessing result in praise.

*Then Hannah prayed, "My heart rejoices in the LORD! Oh, how the LORD has blessed me! Now I have an answer for my enemies, as I delight in your deliverance. No one is holy like the LORD! There is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God."*

1 Samuel 2:1-11(NLT)