



Series Mother's Day Message

Passage 1 Samuel 1:1-20

Title The Impact of a Mother's Faith

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Discussion Starter – As children, it is difficult to understand how much our mothers love us. Discuss how your mother demonstrated sacrificial love. Discuss the Abraham Lincoln quote from the message and discuss how your mother shaped you: “I remember my mother’s prayers. They have clung to me all my life”.

God's Perfect Platform

- What did Dave say was God's perfect platform for growth?
- Why is brokenness sometimes necessary for growth? Is it always necessary? Have you experienced brokenness? What was it like? What did you learn through the experience?

God's Perfect Platform – Hannah and Peninnah

- Describe Hannah's situation. Why was she barren? Was it her fault? Was she being punished?
- Why did Peninnah taunt Hannah? How did this add to her despair? What weakness was Hannah exhibiting by her reaction to Peninnah's taunts?
- How do you think Elkanah's (husband) comments affected Hannah? Did they help? What did Hannah apparently have that Peninnah did not?
- How did Hannah pray in her request to God (verse 11)? How was she praying in God's will?
- How did God respond to Hannah's prayer?
- Why do you think Peninnah was taunting Hannah? What was Peninnah lacking?
- Compare how Hannah and Peninnah each handled their situations. Which way was better?
- How is Peninnah a picture of a lukewarm Christian? What character traits did she exhibit?

God's Promises – If you are a Mom, Thanks!!

“Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”

Proverbs 31:25-29.

Hannah's Prayer - Restoration

Hannah prays in response to her answered prayer. How is this a prophecy of Jesus?

Compare Hannah's state of mind in her prayer in 1:11 to her prayer in 2:1-2.

If you have experienced brokenness and restoration, how did you respond?