



May 14, 2017

CONNECT

THIS WEEK

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

CONNECT IN WORD

DAY ONE

A Mother's Gratitude

1 Samuel [2:1-10](#)

DAY TWO

A Noble Woman

Proverbs [31:10-31](#)

DAY THREE

Mary's Song of Praise

Luke 1: [26-38](#), [46-55](#)

DAY FOUR

Listen to Your Parents

Proverbs [23:22-26](#)

Ephesians [6:1-3](#)

DAY FIVE

In My Mother's Womb

Psalms [139:1-24](#)

BELONG

Who was your favorite [TV mom](#) growing up? What was it about that TV mom that drew you to her? Was she like your actual mom or very different? What do you think is the number one quality that makes for a great mom, on a TV show or in real life?

GROW

READ 1 SAMUEL [1:1-8](#)

Why do you think the writer of 1 Samuel begins with Elkanah's ancestry? How does that frame the story? Why was having a son such a big deal in ancient Israel (and many other societies)?

Most families have some things that are good and some things that are not good. What can you observe about the family dynamics in Hannah's family that are good? What is wrong in her family? If Elkanah loved Hannah ([1:5](#)), why did he add another wife, Peninnah ([1:4](#))?

READ 1 SAMUEL [1:9-18](#)

What is Hannah's reaction to her heartbreak? Have you ever faced a time of extreme disappointment in your life? How did you respond?

How would you characterize Eli's response to Hannah? Why do you think his word of encouragement in [verse 17](#) cheered Hannah so quickly? What would you say to someone who was weeping bitterly over a disappointment in his or her life? How have others comforted you in a time of desperate brokenness?

READ 1 SAMUEL [1:19-20](#)

Who is the main character of this story? Is it Hannah? Samuel? Eli? God? What does it mean that God "remembered" Hannah ([1:19](#))? Share about a time that you realized God had "remembered" you and answered a heartfelt prayer.

How can we understand this passage in light of the fact that God doesn't always take away our disappointment or give us what we request? How is God working out His plan for Hannah, for Samuel, and for Israel?

In our study of Kings and Kingdoms so far, including this Mother's Day lesson, how have we seen that God's faithfulness in the past assures us that He will be faithful in the future? Review 1 Samuel [17:37](#).

Consider closing your time together by having someone read 1 Samuel [2:1-10](#) as a prayer while the group prays along. Take a moment to remember God's faithfulness in the past as you ask Him to move in some area of your life.

SERVE CAMPUS CLEANUP DAY

Next Sunday | May 21 | 12:15-3:15pm

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the sun, make new friends, and beautify our campus. We will meet immediately following the 11:00am service, eat lunch together, and then work until 3:15pm. Kids are welcome to eat and hang out with the adults. Register: [myFellowship](#) | Keyword: [Cleanup](#)

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