

Our Everyday Reaction

1 Samuel 1

1. Life of Abiding Faith vs. 1-8

Although Hannah was experiencing profound emotional pain of not being able to have children, she and her husband continued to place their faith in God through the display of personal cost and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty.

Although there will be times when we will experience profound emotional pain, because of who God is, we will continue to place our faith in God through the display of personal cost and sacrifice to our LORD Almighty.

Questions:

- In what ways can you relate to Hannah's emotional pain?
- What practical steps can we take to encourage others to keep God their foundation when they are experiencing profound emotional pain?

2. Life of Earnest Prayer Vs. 9-18

In Hannah's deep anguish she poured out her soul to Yahweh, as only through God can she find new peace with herself and with her circumstances; no longer downcast and regained her appetite.

Even during those times of deep anguish, when we choose to pour out our soul to God, we will find new peace with ourselves and with our circumstances; a peace that only God can provide for us.

Questions:

- Hannah asked God to look upon her sorrow, and He did. What does it mean to you that the Creator of the universe cares about you enough to answer your prayers?
- What avenues do we sometimes take instead of taking our heartbreak and desperation to the Lord? Why turn to God first?

- What do you find most difficult about letting go and relying on God through prayer?

3. Life of Worship Vs. 21-28

After pouring out her soul in prayer, Hannah then responds with worship in her barrenness; trusting God in how He will answer her prayers, and remaining committed to God by fulfilling her vow of giving her son Samuel to serving Him for his whole life.

After pouring out our soul in prayer, we respond in worship in those moments of anguish; trusting God in how He will answer our prayers and remaining committed to Him through living a life that brings Him glory.

Question:

- What ways do you worship God that display your complete trust in Him?

Conclusion:

No matter what we face in our everyday affairs, we will continue to place our faith in God, pour out our soul to Him through prayer, and worship Him because of God is and what He has done for us.