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All scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

## *Part 1: Fatigued Faith*

# The Story

## 1. HANNAH'S DIFFICULTY

1 Samuel 1:2 (ESV)-He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

Proverbs 13:12 (ESV)-Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

## 2. HANNAH'S DISCOURAGEMENT

1 Samuel 1:6-7 (ESV)- And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat.

## 3. HANNAH'S DESPAIR

1 Samuel 1:10,15-16 (ESV)- She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit....Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation.

## 4. HANNAH'S DELIVERANCE

1 Samuel 1:20-21 (ESV)- And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the Lord. Indeed the Lord visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew in the presence of the Lord.

# Life Lessons From Hannah

## 1. Hurt and Hope can co-exist

1 Samuel 1:10 (ESV)-She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly.

## 2. Sometimes a change of heart is needed.

1 Samuel 1:11 (ESV)- And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head."

## 3. Humbly keep asking.

1 Samuel 1:11 (ESV)- O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son...

## 4. Believe His word.

1 Samuel 1:17-18 (ESV)-Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

## 5. Choose to worship on faith.

1 Samuel 1:19 (ESV)-They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah.

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**Here Is The Point:** When our faith is fatigued we can follow the example and encouragement of Hannah.