

Session One: A Woman Who Glorifies God

I. Introduction*

A. College Women's Story

B. Teen Girl's Story

II. The True Woman

A. What is a true woman?

1. A true woman is a true reflection of God's creation design and redemptive calling for women.

2. Genesis 1: *God created man in His own image, He created him; male and female.*

3. Genesis 2: *It wasn't good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.*

B. How does woman reflect God as a helper?

1. Exodus 18 – a helper _____.

2. Psalm 20 – a helper _____.

3. Psalm 33 – a helper _____.

4. Psalm 10 - a helper sees and _____ for the suffering.

5. Psalm 70 – that a helper _____ from distress.

6. Psalm 72 – a helper _____.

7. Psalm 86 – a helper _____.

8. In sum, these are strong, relational, nurturing, caring words; _____ words.

III. The Fall: God's Solution and Man's Response (Genesis 3)

A. When man/woman rebelled against God's authority, they lost ability to reflect Him.

B. Into this darkness came the Gospel

1. God said, "I will...."

2. Man's response

a. Adam --- named his wife

b. Eve --- restored to be a helper

C. Woman's Natural Response

1. Life takers ---

a. selfishness and influence of culture

b. examples of life takers

2. Life givers ---

a. God gives us the Holy Spirit to empower/motivate us to be life givers.

b. God gives us the church to disciple us.

IV. An Example of a Life Giver --- Hannah (I Samuel 1,2)

A. Introduction to Hannah

B. Her relationships show us what it looks like to be a life giver.

1. Relationship with her rival, Penninah ---

2. Relationship with her husband, Elkanah ---

3. Relationship with her preacher, Eli ---

C. Hannah's prayers show us what motivated her to be a life giver.

1. 1 Samuel 1:11 --- understood she was a recipient of grace

a. because she used the title "**LORD/YHWH** of hosts"

"**Yahweh**" = a personal God of covenant faithfulness bound to His people in covenant loyalty

b. because she referred to God as "the Lord of **Hosts**"

"the Lord of **Hosts**" = military term signifying God's sovereignty

c. because she referred to herself as the Lord's servant (3x)

"servant" = submitted to authority

2. 1 Samuel 2:1-10 --- she knew God's Word & His character

a. v. 1

b. v. 2

c. vv. 3-5

d. vv. 6-9

e. vv. 9-10

3. Life givers always point to Jesus.

a. themes of Hannah's prayers seen all through 1 & 2 Samuel

b. themes traveled to Mary, the mother of the Messiah

C. Application

1. Is it too late for me to be a life giver?

2. Is my church equipping women to be life givers?

*Susan Hunt. "Redeemed Womanhood: One Generation to Another." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QumMhxZUEw>