

1-2 SAMUEL: THE ROLE OF A PROPHET

Praying Like Hannah **1 Samuel 1.3-28**

1. Did you have a rival (or nemesis) when you were growing up? What made them one? What about now?
2. God is referred to as the "Lord of hosts" or "Lord Almighty" in this passage. What does that name for God add to the story of Hannah?
3. What is your opinion of Elkanah? Was he a good husband? Why or why not?
4. When you are in a time of barrenness how does it affect your relationship with God?
5. What changed for Hannah between v9 and v18?
6. How have you experienced the kind of hopelessness and rejection Hannah faced? What is your greatest desire that goes unmet?
7. Do you think Hannah was "bargaining" with God? Why or why not? Have you ever bargained with God?
8. If you can answer "Yes" to the question "Is God enough?", what does that look like in your life?
9. Are you holding on to a gift or blessing from the Lord that needs to be given back to Him? What would it take for you to do this?
10. What does this passage help you understand about the way God works in our lives?