

**Week 5 - Eli & Hannah**

Each of us has the potential to live like those on the list of God's ordinary, everyday greats-ordinary people who do extraordinary things.

- Job 5:7 (ESV)
- Proverbs 24:16 (ESV)
- Psalm 34:19 (ESV)
- 1 Samuel 1:1 (ESV)
- 1 Samuel 1:2-6 (ESV)
- 1 Samuel 1:7,8 (ESV)
- 1 Samuel 1:9-18 (ESV)
- The Passionate versus Passive Relationship with God.
- 1 Samuel 1:19, 20 (ESV)
- #eatlocal #18/24months #milkisthemainfoodtil12months.
- 1 Samuel 1:21-24 (ESV)
- 1 Samuel 2:1-10(ESV)
- 1 Samuel 1:25-27 (ESV)
- 1 Samuel 2:19-21 (ESV)
- 1 Samuel 2:12 (ESV)
- 1 Samuel 2:17 (ESV)
- But, passivity is broader in what it will tolerate than passion will allow.

- **Because of his passivity, Eli will tolerate almost anything, but he will stand for almost nothing.**
- **1 Samuel 2:22,23 (ESV)**
- **1 Samuel 2:29-31 (ESV)**
- **1 Samuel 4:3(b) (ESV)**

## DISCUSS & APPLY

*These questions can be used for personal study and/or in a Small Group format. We'd love to hear how you are putting them to use, so let us know at [smallgroups@manna.church](mailto:smallgroups@manna.church)*

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1. This week we see the story of Eli and Hannah. In this story, we see a contrast of Eli (who was living passively) and Hannah (who was living passionately) for God. What are some differences in behavior between being passive versus being passionate for God?
2. In 1 Samuel 2:29-31, we see Eli choosing his sons over God. What can we learn from this passage regarding Eli's posture toward God? Contrast this with Hannah's passion and trust in God in following through on her vow she made to God in Samuel 1: 9-18. How does God respond to Eli? How does God respond to Hannah?
3. Passivity and passion indicate the "temperature" of our hearts. If you were to evaluate yourself right now, would you say you are more passive or more passionate in your pursuit of God?
4. The good news is that being passionate is a choice, not a feeling. It is a response of the heart to what Jesus did for us. Where ever you stand on the scale of "passion versus passivity", there is always more of God. Take some time this week to make the decision to posture your heart toward God and watch Him increase your passion for Him.

