

# SERMON OUTLINE

## FACETIME

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1 SAMUEL 1:1-2:11

1. God Is \_\_\_\_\_ in Our Trials

- \_\_\_\_\_ Circumstances

- A \_\_\_\_\_

2. God Is \_\_\_\_\_ by Our \_\_\_\_\_

- H \_\_\_\_\_

- I \_\_\_\_\_

- P \_\_\_\_\_

3. God Is \_\_\_\_\_ by Our \_\_\_\_\_

- Hannah's song focuses on \_\_\_\_\_.

- Hannah's song begins \_\_\_\_\_ God answers her prayer.

- Hannah's song emphasizes God's concern for the \_\_\_\_\_.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

**ICEBREAKER:** Recap your favorite sports story that has an underdog theme. (If you can't think of a sports underdog story, recap one from a book you've read or a historical event.) Why do you think we like stories about underdogs?

1. Which of the following Christ Community resources have you found helpful (explain why)? Bible Savvy Reading Schedule, Bible Savvy Podcast, or Getting Started with the Bible online course.

2. Why is it important to ask the question of every Bible passage you read: What does this passage teach me about God--Father, Son, or Spirit (multiple answers)?

3. Take 5 minutes to read the NIV Study Bible intro to I Samuel. Then make a list of 5 things you learned from it.

4. Read I Samuel 1:5-8. How would you define God's sovereignty, and how does it pop up in this story? Read Acts 2:23. How do Peter's words in this verse teach a balanced view of God's sovereignty?

Describe some dire circumstance in your life--present or past--in which you've seen God's sovereignty at work.

5. Describe an antagonist (like Peninnah) you've had to deal with (or are currently dealing with). 6. How does a firm grasp of God's sovereignty equip us to face antagonists?

6. Read I Samuel 1:12-17, 20. What are the 3 characteristics of Hannah's prayer that were mentioned in the sermon? How does Hannah demonstrate each of these? Which of the 3 is most needed in your prayer-life? Explain.

7. What's the difference between lamenting in prayer and complaining? How good are you at lamenting? Explain. Practically speaking, how might you add intensity to your prayers? (See Psalm 34:17 for an idea.)

8. What Kingdom concerns should you be praying about more often? Why are they important and how will you benefit from praying about them?

9. Read I Samuel 2:1-11. What is remarkably not mentioned in Hannah's hymn? What does this tell you? What is the focus of Hannah's prayer in v.2? What does this reveal about Hannah's original prayer for a son? What is the focus of the song in v.8? How does this emphasis make you feel?

10. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10. What does Paul teach us about facing underdog situations in our lives?

11. What personal practical applications did you learn from this study?