

Daring Faith: The Key to Miracles
Faith Like Hannah: A Model for Motherhood
1 Samuel 1:1-11
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There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ² He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none. ³ Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD. ⁴ Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶ Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. ⁷ This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. ⁸ Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?" ⁹ Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the LORD's house. ¹⁰ In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. ¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

"In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit."

--Judges 21:25

As we look at the first two chapters of 1 Samuel, we'll see 5 Defining Traits of a Woman of Faith:

1. Women of faith exhibit _____ problems (1:1-8).

"Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" --Job 2:10

"When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other." --Ecclesiastes 7:14

2. Women of faith express _____ prayers (1:9-18).

"It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees."

--Psalm 119:71

3. Women of faith experience God's _____ (1:19-20).

"...how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" --Matthew 7:11

4. Women of faith excel at _____ their promises (1:21-28).

"So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD..." --1 Samuel 1:28

"Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice." --1 Samuel 2:19

"And he worshiped the LORD there." --1 Samuel 1:28

"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

--Deuteronomy 6:6-7

5. Women of faith _____ with praise (2:1-11).

"My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance. There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God." --1 Samuel 2:1-2