

The Best Mom
1 Samuel 1:1-28

1. Despite frustration—serve the Lord.

¹ There was a man from Ramathaim-zophim in the hill country of Ephraim. His name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ² He had two wives, the first named Hannah and the second Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah was childless. **1 Samuel 1:1-2 (Christian Standard Bible)**

³ This man would go up from his town every year to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of Armies at Shiloh, where Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were the LORD's priests.

⁴ Whenever Elkanah offered a sacrifice, he always gave portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to each of her sons and daughters. ⁵ But he gave a double portion to Hannah, for he loved her even though the LORD had kept her from conceiving. ⁶ Her rival would taunt her severely just to provoke her, because the LORD had kept Hannah from conceiving. ⁷ Year after year, when she went up to the LORD's house, her rival taunted her in this way. Hannah would weep and would not eat. **1 Samuel 1:3-7 (CSB)**

2. Seek the Lord in desperation.

Deeply hurt, Hannah prayed to the LORD and wept with many tears. **1 Samuel 1:10 (CSB)**

¹² While she continued praying in the LORD's presence, Eli watched her mouth. **1 Samuel 1:12 (CSB)**

²⁰ After some time, Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, because she said, "I requested him from the LORD." **1 Samuel 1:20 (Christian Standard Bible)**

3. Celebration should lead us to surrender.

⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor, a lifetime. Weeping may stay overnight, but there is joy in the morning. **Psalms 30:5 (Christian Standard Bible)**

¹¹ Making a vow, she pleaded, "LORD of Armies, if you will take notice of your servant's affliction, remember and not forget me, and give your servant a son, I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and his hair will never be cut." **1 Samuel 1:11 (CSB)**

²¹ When Elkanah and all his household went up to make the annual sacrifice and his vow offering to the LORD, ²² Hannah did not go and explained to her husband, "After the child is weaned, I'll take him to appear in the LORD's presence and to stay there permanently." **1 Samuel 1:21-22 (CSB)**

²⁴ When she had weaned him, she took him with her to Shiloh, as well as a three-year-old bull, half a bushel of flour, and a clay jar of wine. Though the boy was still young, she took him to the LORD's house at Shiloh. ²⁵ Then they slaughtered the bull and brought the boy to Eli. ²⁶ "Please, my lord," she said, "as surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. ²⁷ I prayed for this boy, and since the LORD gave me what I asked him for, ²⁸ I now give the boy to the LORD. For as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD." Then he worshiped the LORD there. **1 Samuel 1:24-28 (CSB)**