



Respecting Your Heritage

Odyssey Of An Emerging Leader - Part 1 of 7

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Big Idea: Spiritual leaders never emerge in a vacuum but are standing on the shoulders of others who've invested in them and helped set them up for success.

Text: 1 Samuel 1 & 2

1 Samuel 1:8 "Elkanah her husband 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?'"

1 Samuel 1:10-11 "In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. And she made a vow, saying, 'O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon 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.'"

I. HANNAH _____ FOR HER SON.

1 Samuel 1:13-17 "Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, 'How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine.' 'Not so, my lord,' Hannah replied, 'I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.' Eli answered, 'Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.'"

II. HANNAH _____ HER SON AT A VERY EARLY AGE.

1 Samuel 1:24 "After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh."

III. HANNAH _____ HER SON TO GOD AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

1 Samuel 1:25b-28a "...they brought the boy to Eli, and she said to him, 'As surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.'"

1 Samuel 2:21a "And the LORD was gracious to Hannah; she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters."

IV. HANNAH FOUND _____ TO EXPRESS LOVE TO HER SON.

1 Samuel 2:11 "Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the LORD under Eli the priest."

1 Samuel 2:18-19 "But Samuel was ministering before the LORD – a boy wearing a linen ephod. 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."

V. HANNAH CONSISTENTLY _____ WHAT SHE SAID SHE BELIEVED.

MEMORY VERSES

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD."

1 Samuel 1:27-28a