GOD'S MASTERPIECE

"...O Lord of hosts,...remember me and not forget your servant..."

I Samuel 1:11a (ESV)

LESSON 19

Trusting God in our Circumstances

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Lesson 19 1 Samuel 1:1-28 Trusting God in our Circumstances

DEALING WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN OUR LIVES

"The mark of our walk with the Lord is reflected by our response to our circumstances."

Unknown

HANNAH'S CIRCUMSTANCES

- A. Hannah could not conceive children.
 - 1. Infertility is a **heartbreak** in our **times**.
 - 2. Infertility was considered a **shame** in Biblical times.
 - a. Children were considered a mark of God's blessings.
 - b. A Hebrew woman's whole role was **wife** and **mother**.
- B. Hannah had difficult relationships.
 - 1. Her relationship was difficult with her husband.
 - a. Her husband dealt with difficulty without wisdom.
 - b. Her husband tried to **placate** her with a quick fix solution.
 - 2. Her relationship was **difficult** with the second **wife**.
 - a. The second wife was **<u>iealous</u>** of Hannah.
 - b. The second wife was **competitive** with Hannah.
 - c. The second wife was **relentless**.

HANNAH'S SOLUTION

- A. Hannah took her **grief** to God.
 - 1. Hannah got up.
 - 2. Hannah cried out to God.
 - 3. Hannah **prayed**.
- B. Hannah trusted God.
 - 1. Hannah ate.
 - 2. Hannah's emotions were turned.

HANNAH TOOK ACTION.

- A. Hannah took a **vow** of faith.
- B. Hannah worshiped.

HANNAH WAS PATIENT.

- A. One of the hardest aspects of difficult circumstances is...
 - 1. Leaving the **results** to God
 - 2. Waiting on God's perfect timing
- B. We observe her **relinquishing** control of her life.

HANNAH IS BLESSED.

- A. God "remembered" Hannah.
- B. Hannah trusted God with her vow.

HANNAH EXPERIENCED THE "CYCLE" OF TRUST AGAIN.

- A. Hannah **carried** out her **vow**.
- B. Hannah took <u>action</u> and left the <u>results</u> to God.

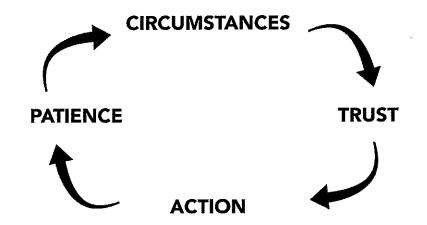
GOD IS IN CONTROL OF OUR LIVES.

IN SUMMARY...

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us."

Ephesians 3:20 NKJV

GODLY CHARACTER CYCLE



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Verse 9 HANNAH TRUSTED GOD WITH HER INFIRMITY

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