

CHARACTER BUILDER

MESSAGE NOTES

Hannah: Lessons on Faithfulness

Sunday, July 3 | Tommy Duke

First Baptist Church of Garden City

CHARACTER: THE _____ QUALITIES
_____ TO AN INDIVIDUAL.

HANNAH (1 Samuel 1-2)

“There was a man named Elkanah who lived in Ramah in the region of Zuph in the hill country of Ephraim. He was the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, of Ephraim. Elkanah had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah did not.

Each year Elkanah would travel to Shiloh to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of Heaven’s Armies at the Tabernacle. The priests of the Lord at that time were the two sons of Eli—Hophni and Phinehas. On the days Elkanah presented his sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to Peninnah and each of her children. And though he loved Hannah, he would give her only one choice portion because the Lord had given her no children. So Peninnah would taunt Hannah and make fun of her because the Lord had kept her from having children. Year after year it was the same—Peninnah would taunt Hannah as they went to the Tabernacle. Each time, Hannah would be reduced to tears and would not even eat.

‘Why are you crying, Hannah?’ Elkanah would ask. ‘Why aren’t you eating? Why be downhearted just because you have no children? You have me—isn’t that better than having ten sons?’” – 1 Samuel 1:1-8 (NLT)

**FAITHFULNESS: THE QUALITY OF BEING _____
_____, REGARDING WHAT ONE
_____.**

HANNAH’S FAITHFULNESS TEACHES ME THAT I MUST:

1) _____ IN THE TOUGHEST OF MY _____.

“So Peninnah would taunt Hannah and make fun of her because the Lord had kept her from having children. Year after year it was the same – Peninnah would taunt Hannah as they went to the Tabernacle. Each time, Hannah would be reduced to tears and would not even eat.”
– 1 Samuel 1:6-7 (NLT)

“Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge... I will bless the Lord who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me. I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.” – Psalm 16:1, 7-8 (NLT)

2) _____ THE LORD IN MY _____.

“Once after a sacrificial meal at Shiloh, Hannah got up and went to pray. Eli the priest was sitting at his customary place beside the entrance of the Tabernacle. Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord. And she made this vow: ‘O Lord of Heaven’s Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the Lord, his hair will never be cut.’” – 1 Samuel 1:9-11 (NLT)

“In times of trouble, may the Lord answer your cry. May the name of the God of Jacob keep you safe from all harm.” – Psalm 20:1 (NLT)

“Come with great power, O God, and rescue me! Defend me with your might. Listen to my prayer, O God. Pay attention to my plea. For strangers are attacking me; violent people are trying to kill me. They care nothing for God.” – Psalm 54:1-3 (NLT)

3) CHOOSE TO _____ WHEN OTHERS DON’T _____.

“As she was praying to the Lord, Eli watched her. Seeing her lips moving but hearing no sound, he thought she had been drinking. ‘Must you come here drunk?’ he demanded. ‘Throw away your wine!’

‘Oh no, sir!’ she replied. ‘I haven’t been drinking wine or anything stronger. But I am very discouraged, and I was pouring out my heart to the Lord. Don’t think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow.’

‘In that case,’ Eli said, ‘go in peace! May the God of Israel grant the request you have asked of him.’ ‘Oh, thank you, sir!’ she exclaimed. Then she went back and began to eat again, and she was no longer sad.” – 1 Samuel 1:12-18 (NLT)

“I praise God for what he has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me?” – Psalm 56:4 (NLT)

4) _____ TO SEE GOD _____.

“The entire family got up early the next morning and went to worship the Lord once more. Then they returned home to Ramah. When Elkanah slept with Hannah, the Lord remembered her plea, and in due time she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I asked the Lord for him.’”
– 1 Samuel 1:19-20 (NLT)

“‘Sir, do you remember me?’ Hannah asked. ‘I am the very woman who stood here several years ago praying to the Lord. I asked the Lord to give me this boy, and he has granted my request. Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will belong to the Lord his whole life.’ And they worshiped the Lord there.”
– 1 Samuel 1:26-28 (NLT)

“I took my troubles to the Lord; I cried out to him, and he answered my prayer.” – Psalm 120:1 (NLT)

5) _____ **FOR HIS GRACE, NOW AND IN THE** _____.

“Then Hannah prayed: ‘My heart rejoices in the Lord! The Lord has made me strong. Now I have an answer for my enemies; I rejoice because you rescued me. No one is holy like the Lord! There is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.’” – 1 Samuel 2:1-2 (NLT)

“Those who fight against the Lord will be shattered. He thunders against them from heaven; the Lord judges throughout the earth. He gives power to his king; he increases the strength of his anointed one.’ Then Elkanah returned home to Ramah without Samuel. And the boy served the Lord by assisting Eli the priest.” – 1 Samuel 2:10-11 (NLT)

Memory Verse:

“You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!” – Psalm 30:11-12 (NLT)

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Psalm 30:11-12.
- Practice leaning into God when I face difficulties.
- Take time each day this week to thank God for His grace.
- Explore church membership at the Membership Class on Sunday, July 17, from 12:15 – 2:45pm.
- Sign up for Summer Growth Group # _____.

*Join us again next Sunday, July 10, as we continue *Character Builder*. We will look at Ruth to learn about responsibility. Invite someone to join you!

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