

SERMON-BASED STUDY: BROKEN WORLD

1 Samuel 1:1-18, ESV – *There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. ² He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.*

³ Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD. ⁴ On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶ And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. ⁷ So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸ And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

⁹ After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. ¹⁰ She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. ¹¹ And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head."

¹² As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. ¹⁴ And Eli said to her, "How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you." ¹⁵ But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. ¹⁶ Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." ¹⁷ Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." ¹⁸ And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This week, we learned that we face many trials and tribulations in a broken world. What are some of the greatest trials and tribulations you have faced? How have they affected you?
- 2 How has God given you hope during these trials and tribulations?
- 3 How can the way we deal with trials and tribulations be a testimony to others in this broken world?

DIGGING DEEPER

A *1 Peter 5:6-7, ESV – ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.*

Philippians 4:6-7, ESV – ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- 4 Define anxieties and anxious? What relationship, if any, is there between anxiety and faith?
- 5 Why is prayer an integral part in “casting all your anxieties on him”?
- 6 How does thanksgiving fit into making our prayers and supplications known to God? Do you think God’s peace is more important than the actual supplication? Explain.

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Psalm 27:13-14, ESV – ¹³ *I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!*
¹⁴ *Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!*

Isaiah 30:18, ESV – ¹⁸ *Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.*

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Why is “waiting for the Lord” an emphasis in the two passages above?

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How does waiting for the Lord lead to strength and a courageous heart?

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How is God exalted when He shows mercy to us? Share a time when God showed you mercy and you, and others, gave God the glory He was due.

TAKING IT HOME

We live in a broken world, and as a result, we will face trials and tribulations of many kinds. During those times, we can fall into worry, anxiety, and even depression. Or, we can trust in God. What about you? How do you respond in those moments? Are you trusting in God or are you anxious? Share with your group what God is showing you. Pray for one another as you look to trust God with all your anxieties and wait upon Him for His timing.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 9:10, 33:20-22, 37:5

Isaiah 40:31

James 1:2-4