

4. *How should you view trials and tests of your faith? (see James 1:2-4; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18)*

5. *What did Hannah do with her trial?*

6. *Write out Philippians 4:6-7, Selah!*

7. *What principles of prayer do you find in the following Scriptures?*

Psalms 66:18-19

Matthew 21:21-22

John 16:24

Hebrews 11:6

James 5:16b-18

I John 5:14-15

8. *What is the Lord speaking to you about your personal prayer life?*

A. *How can you apply these principles?*

9. *From Hannah's prayer in I Samuel 1:11 what do you learn about her relationship with the Lord?*

10. *Hannah made a vow or promise to the Lord, what was it?*

A. *What did this reveal about her ultimate motive?*

11. Read Numbers 30:1-16; Deuteronomy 23:21-23; and Ecclesiastes 5:4-5. Describe the importance of vows and the consequences of not keeping a vow.

12. What did Eli say to Hannah in 1:17?

13. Verse 18 tells us, "her face was no longer sad." What do you think changed?

"Hannah left it all with God, she went home, a new person with the same old problems." Jill Briscoe

14. *The Lord gave Hannah the desire of her heart and blessed her with a son. She named him Samuel meaning “asked of God” perhaps reminding herself of her vow. Put yourself in Hannah’s shoes, how difficult would it be to remain faithful in keeping this vow?*

15. *What did Hannah do?*

A. *How does this speak to you about following through with your promises?*

16. *Hannah took Samuel to live in the temple with Eli the priest. The situation was difficult because of the corruption in the temple. She could have used this as an excuse. To whom did she really take Samuel?*

17. *Are you fearing something you have promised to the Lord? Does it seem unreasonable? What will you do?*

18. *Hannah's prayer in 2:1-10 was a prayer of joy, not sadness. Why was she able to rejoice?*

19. *What verses in her prayer touch your heart? Why?*

20. *The Lord blessed Hannah with more children (vs.21); what does Ephesians 3:20 tell you the Lord is able to do?*

21. *In studying Hannah's life what have you learned about:*

Trials

Prayer

Vows

Faith

“If thou wouldest raise a Samuel, be thyself a Hannah.”