
Glad surrender to God and His story...

1 Samuel 2:1 Then Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.

² "There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

³ "Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the LORD is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed.

⁴ "The bows of the warriors are broken, but those who stumbled are armed with strength.

⁵ Those who were full hire themselves out for food, but those who were hungry hunger no more. She who was barren has borne seven children, but she who has had many sons pines away.

⁶ "The LORD brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up.

⁷ The LORD sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts.

⁸ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor. "For the foundations of the earth are the LORD's; upon them he has set the world.

⁹ He will guard the feet of his saints, but the wicked will be silenced in darkness. "It is not by strength that one prevails;

¹⁰ those who oppose the LORD will be shattered. He will thunder against them from heaven; the LORD will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

¹¹ Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the LORD under Eli the priest.

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Loss of Control

Re-Routing: God's Backroads to Joy—part 4

1 Samuel 1:1-2:11

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What is Joy?

Definitions of joy: Certainty, Hunger, Belovedness

Re-routing:

Re-Routes to Joy: Shattered dreams, unmet longings, brokenness.

— **Joy #4: Glad _____.**

Backroad #4: Loss of _____.

The world of daughters of Eve

Genesis 3:16a To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children."

Genesis 3:16b "Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

Pain in the Unexpected

1 Samuel 1:2 Elkanah ... had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

1 Samuel 1:5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb.

1 Samuel 1:6 And because the LORD had closed her womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her.

⁷ This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat.

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?"

Surrendering your dreams to God (God's deeper work in us)

1 Samuel 1:10 In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD.

1 Samuel 1:11 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."

Battling through discouragement, inwardly and outwardly—to a place of peace

1 Samuel 1:13 Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard.

¹⁵ "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. ¹⁶ ...I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

¹⁷ Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

¹⁸ She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

Joyfully fulfilling her vow to God

1 Samuel 1:19 Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah lay with Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰ So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him."

1 Samuel 1:24 After he was weaned, she took the boy with her ...brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh.

²⁵ When they had slaughtered the bull, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶ 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.

²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him.

²⁸ So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.
