

Dealing with Life when it is not what you Want

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Oak Community Church (PCA)

Elkanah leads his family in worship

- Elkanah was unremarkable man with 2 wives
- Elkanah was consistent in leading his family in worship
- *Lord of Hosts* – 1st OT usage - speaks of God's power
- *A Mighty Fortress is our God* = Lord Sabaoth=Lord of Hosts
- Jesus is our Redeemer, Lord of Hosts^{Isaiah47:4}

Doing right doesn't guarantee trouble free

- Though worshipers, things weren't good in Elkanah's home
- When you encounter others with troubles:
 - Beware of being like Job's comforters
 - Be sensitive to other's hurts
 - Our tongues can be hurtful^{1S1:6}
 - Husbands, especially, be wise and sensitive^{1S1:8}

It is Time for Prayer 9-11

- Hannah turned to the Lord in her time of need, despair
- **Hannah prayed knowing who God is**
 - acknowledged God is sovereign, He alone has power
 - prayed to His character – *look on the affliction*^{Ex3:7}
- **Hannah prayed knowing who she was**
 - referred to self as humble maid-servant
 - humble and not revenge focused
 - how arrogant to think we'll be forgiven if we don't^{Mt6:14-15}
- **Hannah prayed knowing what she wanted**
 - This is NOT a bargain with God
 - She wasn't afraid to ask for her heart's desire^{James4:2-3}
 - She didn't ask selfishly; she asked to give to God¹¹
- **Hannah prayed with confidence of her motives**
 - Check your motives when praying^{James4:2-3}
 - Hannah had subordinated her desires to God's
 - She asked for a child to give back to God
- **Hannah's prayer is fervent and trusting**
 - Hannah prayed like David^{Psalms142:2}
 - So fervent, she is accused of being drunk¹⁴
- **Hannah is confident of her faith in God**¹⁵⁻¹⁶
 - She knows where her faith lies
 - Israel lacks leaders who can see or lead in faith
- **AFTER Hannah prays she goes in peace and faith**¹⁷⁻¹⁸
 - Hannah prays and leaves her burdens and goes in faith
 - Eli sees her faith and gives covenant blessing
 - Though spiritual failure Eli was high priest
 - Hannah saw Jesus (Messiah) in flawed Eli
 - Don't look at imperfections of pastors, etc. Look to Jesus!
 - When we give to Jesus in Faith... peace of God guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus^{Philippians4:6-7}