



June 1

Passage: 1 Samuel 1

Its already June! Can you believe that! Christmas is almost here!

Today we are going to look at 1 Samuel. The neat thing about the devotions for the summer is how they will line up with what we are studying in the Rock! During our time in the Rock we will be “[ELEVATE]ing” over 1 & 2 Samuel! Since they will be overviews, we won’t be able to spend a ton of time digging deep. The Devos are a great time to pause and go a little deeper! So, as we get started, pray that the Lord would capture your focus through his Word!

## **READ & DIG. Read 1 Samuel 1 (underline anything that sticks out to you)**

This is an interesting beginning to a story. It may seem like it is just family drama, but it is way more than that!

### **GOD IS IN CONTROL**

One of the foremost truths we find in this chapter is that God is in control! *Barrenness* (or the inability to have a baby) is a common problem all throughout the Old Testament. V5 points to a truth that may be difficult to believe but is true nonetheless... *God has control to allow someone to have a baby and withhold that blessing.* Often, we don’t understand why, but here we can find that it was all in his own timing. God desired Hannah to realize she couldn’t do it on her own and thus when she committed herself to the Lord, he provided!

### **GOD HONORS THE FAITHFUL IN HIS TIMING**

Now, we have to be careful here... There are ton of people in the world who believe that if you *have enough faith the God will answer your plea to him.* Here is what we do know, if you ask the Lord to do something and it is within the will or the plan of the Lord to do it, he will. The Lord follows his plan, not ours. We see this in this passage, don’t we? Over and over we see Hannah pleading and praying to the Lord, that he would give her a son. It’s not until Hannah had suffered much pain and brokenness that the Lord chose to provide her a son! There is a beautiful balance between the Lord working out his will and our obedience to him. Nevertheless, the Lord honors our obedience and trust in him!

### **THE FAITHFUL HONOR GOD**

What does Hannah do after God provides a son for her? She honors him! She names her son Samuel, which means – *“I have asked for him from the LORD.”* What a way to praise the Lord for what he has done – she names her child remembering what he has done! And then she goes on to praise the Lord through song in 1 Samuel 2! (Give Hannah’s song a read to see her heart overflowing with praise to him!)

## **Apply & GO**

**So, God is in control and is faithful to those who are faithful to him.**

Just like Hannah, we need to –

- ***Trust God’s timing!*** God may not always work in our timing. However, his timing is always on time! Trust he knows better than you do in the midst of your waiting!

- ***Praise him for his faithfulness!*** Every day is a new day to realize the faithfulness of God. When you realize his daily faithfulness – praise him!