

**SERMON  
STUDY  
NOTES**

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# “Yakety Yak (Don’t Talk Back)”

## Forgiveness

Colossians 3:13 NLT

Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Matthew 6:9-13 KJV

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:14-15 NLT

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

## Gossip

Proverbs 26:20 NLT

Fire goes out without wood, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops.

Proverbs 30:33 NLT

As the beating of cream yields butter and striking the nose causes bleeding, so stirring up anger causes quarrels.

## Honor Your Parents

Ephesians 6:2-3 NLT

“Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: **If you honor your father and mother**, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”

## Attitude by Charles Swindoll

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, the education, the money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes.”

3 John 4 NIV

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Hannah was Empty

1 Samuel 1:8 NIV

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?"

1 Samuel 1:10-11 NIV

In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. 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..."

1 Samuel 1:15-18 NIV

"Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "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. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him." 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.

## Hannah was Filled

1 Samuel 1:19-20 NIV

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. 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."

*"Mothering requires everything, but eventually everything given, plus little replenished, equals desperately empty."* Angela Thomas

## Hannah was Poured Out

1 Samuel 1:23 NIV

"Do what seems best to you," Elkanah her husband told her. "Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the LORD make good his word." So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

1 Samuel 1:25-28 NIV When they had slaughtered the bull, they brought the boy to Eli, 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. I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. 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.

## God Is For You

Romans 8:31 NLT

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

Proverbs 22:6 NLT

Direct your children onto the right path,  
and when they are older, they will not leave it.

Romans 8:28 NLT

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Matthew 1: The Ancestors of Jesus the Messiah

Mary: mother of Jesus, she was pregnant before marriage

Tamar: mother of Perez, she committed incest with her father in law

Rahab: mother of Boaz, she was a prostitute

Ruth: mother of Obed, she was a pagan who worshiped many Moab gods

Bathsheba: mother of Solomon, she committed adultery with King David

# **Small Group Study Notes**

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Happy Mothers Day! David captured the essence of both a mother and Christian woman in his sermon and I would suggest listening to it again before you start this study.

Question: What did you take away from his sermon about mothers? Expound upon a mothers qualities and the difference between a Godly woman and a home that doesn't have faith.

The story of Elkanah and his wife Hannah at first appears to be unfair. Elkanah had two wives, Hannan and Peninnah and the relationship between the two wives was very competitive, and Hannan as we know from the sermon was barren.

Beyond Hannah's painful trial there was a purpose of God. God used the trial of a closed womb to accomplish something great in her life and to further the whole plan of salvation. Even though things were hard God was still in charge.

Discussion: Talk about giving our problems to God and putting Him in charge.

It seems strange that Peninnah (who seems of a bad character) was blessed with children and Hannah (who seems of a good character) was cursed with barrenness. Often, we don't understand God's ways until He completes His plan.

Discussion: Elkanah said to Hannah, why do you weep?... Am I not better to you than ten sons?

In Elkanah's response to Hannah's sorrow, we see that he really did love her; yet like many men he was insensitive. He did not recognize that she had needs he could not fulfill (such as the desire to be a mother).

Question: At this point what should she have done?

Discussion: David said pray... pray... and pray. Hannah was in bitterness of soul and great anguish, yet she did the right thing. Hannah took those bitter and anguished feelings to God honestly in prayer.

Hannah began her prayer by calling on the LORD of hosts. This title is used some 260 times in the Old Testament and has the idea "LORD of the Mighty Armies." Hannah felt attacked by her rival, so she called on the LORD of Mighty Armies to be her protector.

She promised her son to the work of the LORD, vowing he would be a Nazirite from birth (I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head). According to Numbers 6, the vow of a Nazirite included the following:

Abstinence from any product from a grape vine, signifying distance from all fleshly pleasures.

Taking no part in any mourning for the dead, nor to come near a dead body, because the dead show the corruption and the fruit of sin. Also, this showed that the Nazirite had greater concerns than the ordinary joys and sorrows of life.

Never cutting the hair because it was a public, visible sign to others of the vow.

Typically, the vow of a Nazirite was taken for a set and rather short period of time. Samuel and Samson (Judges 13:5) were unique because they were Nazirites from birth.

Read the following verses and discuss the meaning of each and if these would apply to Hannah and her Godly actions. They are included in David's Sermon.

Romans 8:1, Proverbs 22:6, Romans 8:28

The story of Hannah ends by telling us: So they Worshipped the Lord.

Worship is a repeated characteristic of this family. Even in difficult situations, they could worship the LORD. Praising God on the day you give your little son away may not be easy, but it is praise God is pleased with, even as we are told to bring a sacrifice of praise to God.

Today is the day to praise God for our mothers, please reflect upon the role of a mother and what she brings to the family.