

**Extraordinary Faith
Hannah – Profile of a Woman of Faith**

1 Samuel 1:1-20

Big Idea – An Extraordinary Faith is an Enduring Faith

The Profile of a Woman of Extraordinary Faith

Characteristic #1 – Faithful in Times of Persecution

- **1 Samuel 1:3-7** – ³ Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD. ⁴ Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion **because he loved her**, and the LORD had closed her womb. 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.
- **2 Corinthians 4:8-9** – ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

Characteristic #2 – Faithful in Times of Pain and Sorrow (v. 8-11)

- **1 Samuel 1:8-11** – 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?" ⁹ Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on a chair by the doorpost of the LORD's temple. ¹⁰ In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. 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."
- **1 Corinthians 10:13** – No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And **God is faithful**; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. **But when you are tempted**, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.
- **Psalm 118:5-6** – ⁵ In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free. ⁶ The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Characteristic #3 – Faithful in Seeking the Lord

- **1 Samuel 1:12-16** – ¹² As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk ¹⁴ and said to her, "How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine." ¹⁵ "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. ¹⁶ Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

- **Hebrews 11:1-2** – ¹Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.
- **Hebrews 11:6** – And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Characteristic #4 – She Received the Peace of the Lord

1. **1 Samuel 1:17-20** – ¹⁷Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him." ¹⁸She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. ¹⁹Early 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. ²⁰So 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."
- **John 14:27** – Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Memory Verse

Proverbs 31:29 – "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

Application

Extraordinary Challenge – Study the 40 day devotional booklet that is offered in order to strengthen your faith, family, and relationship with the Lord.

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