



Real Moms of Arizona
1 Samuel 1

TAKING IT HOME:

Looking back at this week's teaching and homework, what's most important for you to remember?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

I. Real Problems – vs. 1-8

II. Real Prayer – Vs. 9-16

III. Real Purpose – vs. 19-28

IV. Real Perspective

Getting To Know You

1. What is your favorite memory or time with your mother/guardian? What is something that she instilled in you? What is your favorite thing about her?
2. D.L. Moody said, "The impression that a praying mother leaves upon her children is life-long. Perhaps when you are dead and gone your prayer will be answered. Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?"
3. Billy Graham said, "Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?"
4. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Are any of us immune from problems?

What do you do when faced with difficult circumstances? What would be your advice and/or recommendation for individuals facing difficult circumstances?

What is the most difficult time or experience you have ever faced? What did you do?

What did God teach, show, demonstrate, etc. through that situation?

What did you learn from it? How did it impact you?

2. What is the biblical model for marriage?

Did God ever authorize or institute polygamy? Did Hannah's husband, Elkanah, have more than one wife?

Is this descriptive or prescriptive? Why is it important to understand the difference between the two?

What does Genesis 2:24-25 say?

What does Matthew 19:4-6 say?

Does God ever say that marriage is anything other than one man and one woman?

What did Elkanah get right? How did he demonstrate his love for Hannah? How did he ensure that her needs were met?

3. What does Hannah do at her lowest point?

What were some of the external circumstances and factors that led to this?

How did Peninnah contribute to an already difficult situation?

Do you know any Peninnahs? Have you ever conducted yourself as she did? How would you have responded if you were Hannah?

4. Does your prayer life ever seem to be robotic and routine?

Why does God sometimes put us through difficult circumstances? What is the intended result?

What does 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 say?

What do you do when you're in situations like Hannah or Paul?

More often than not, do you rely on yourself or God?

Do you ever feel it is easier or prudent to handle it by yourself? What are you saying to God in those moments?

What may God be trying to do in those moments?

5. As a parent, what is your responsibility?

If you could determine it, in what way would you prefer your child to be more successful... academically, socially, athletically, ethically, or spiritually?

Do you ever get the priority out of balance? What does God want for your child?

6. Do you ever measure your self-worth with how your children conduct themselves or who they have become?

What is the difference between your kids being a big part of your life and them being your life?

Why is it important to keep the proper perspective?