

#RELATIONSHIPGOALS

MOTHERHOOD IN TOXIC TIMES

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GOD CAN RAISE UP GODLY PARENTS TO RAISE UP
GODLY CHILDREN IN TOXIC TIMES.

Hannah's challenges

- Born in uncertain times and lived in a hostile **home** – 1:1-8
 - During the time of the **Judges**: “In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” Judges 21:25
 - Public life was unpredictable and home life was predictably **toxic**.

⁶ And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. ⁷ So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸ And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

- Clung to God's **grace** when no one else seemed to understand – 1:9-18
- ¹⁰ She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. ¹¹ And she vowed a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head.”*

Hannah's breakthrough

- God mercifully answers her prayer and gives her a son – 1:19-20
- ²⁰ And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, “I have asked for him from the LORD.”*
- She **dedicates** her son to God's service – 1:21-28
- ²⁶ And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. ²⁷ For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸ Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there.*

Encouragement for mothers

- 1) God is **sovereign** over the bad choices that others make around you.
- 2) What others intend for torment God uses to **tenderize**.
- 3) God can raise up godly parents to raise godly **children** in toxic times.