

## Here I Am

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**Thread:** Your faith affects my faith.

*“...Elkanah agreed. ‘Stay here for now, and may the Lord help you keep your promise. So she stayed home and nursed the boy until he was weaned. When the child was weaned, Hannah took him to the Tabernacle in Shiloh... they brought the boy to Eli. ‘Sir, do you remember me?’ Hannah asked. ‘I am the very woman who stood here several years ago praying to the Lord. I asked the Lord to give me this boy, and he has granted my request. ‘Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will belong to the Lord his whole life.’ And they worshiped the Lord there.” I Samuel 23 – 28 NLT*

**This couple’s faith caused Eli to stop and worship God.**

- *Worship = To sink down, melt away, bow down in awe.*

**This couple’s faith reignited Eli’s faith.**

- When you see other people’s faith, does it ignite your fire?

**What are you exercising big FAITH for?**

**Hannah learned important lessons about God and His kingdom, but only after she offered her faith.**

*“Then Hannah prayed: ‘My heart rejoices in the Lord! The Lord has made me strong.’” I Samuel 2:1a NLT*

**She felt stronger in her spirit.**

*“Now I have an answer for my enemies; I rejoice because you rescued me.” I Samuel 2:1b NLT*

**She didn’t have an answer until she invited God’s rescue.**

*“No one is holy like the Lord! There is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.” I Samuel 2:2 NLT*

**When we experience God in His power, we have instant clarity about Him.**

*“Stop acting so proud and haughty! Don’t speak with such arrogance! For the Lord is a God who knows what you have done; he will judge your actions.” I Samuel 2:3 NLT*

**Her perspective on life and eternity has aligned with God’s heart.**

*“Then Elkanah returned home to Ramah without Samuel. And the boy served the Lord by assisting Eli the priest.” I Samuel 2:11 NLT*

**Challenge:**

-What will you offer God in worship?

-The miraculous of God is happening all around; will you allow it to ignite something in you?

-Will you offer God a big FAITH commitment? What for?

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