

Homework

Here I am.

Winter 2025 | Week 4

Message Date 2/2/2025

MY STORY

- 1) If you had to relive one random day of your life on repeat (like Groundhog Day), which day would you choose and why?
- 2) If your personality had to be represented by a combination of three animals, which ones would you pick and what do they say about you?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

1 Samuel 1:19-28 CSB

¹⁹ The next morning Elkanah and Hannah got up early to worship before the LORD. Afterward, they returned home to Ramah. Then Elkanah was intimate with his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰ After some time, Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, because she said, "I requested him from the LORD."

²¹ When Elkanah and all his household went up to make the annual sacrifice and his vow offering to the LORD, ²² Hannah did not go and explained to her husband, "After the child is weaned, I'll take him to appear in the LORD's presence and to stay there permanently."

²³ Her husband, Elkanah, replied, "Do what you think is best, and stay here until you've weaned him. May the LORD confirm your word." So Hannah stayed there and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴ When she had weaned him, she took him with her to Shiloh, as well as a three-year-old bull, half a bushel of flour, and a clay jar of wine. Though the boy was still young she took him to the LORD's house at Shiloh. ²⁵ Then they slaughtered the bull and brought the boy to Eli.

²⁶ "Please, my lord," she said, "as surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. ²⁷ I prayed for this boy, and since the LORD gave me what I asked him for, ²⁸ I now give the boy to the LORD. For as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD." Then he worshiped the LORD there.

- 4) What does the word faith mean and how does it apply in regard to the Christian faith?
- 5) Pastor Craig shared several elements of faith from this passage. What are some elements that you see?
- 6) One of the elements of Hannah's story is that she had to wait a significant time for her prayer to be answered. Have you ever had a season in your life when you've had to wait for an answer to a prayer? Have you ever had a season where the prayer was answered spectacularly by God? What was that like?
- 7) Many times, we think faith must be big for it to be spiritual. It may be, but it also may be something that seems small to others but is large to you. Take a moment and think about the season of life you are in. Is there something that God is stretching you to have faith in? What is it? What one step are you taking towards that today?
- 8) In thinking about the story of Hannah, what do you think were some of the difficulties for her?
- 9) Where do you need to grow in your faith?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Reflection questions for Chair Time: think about the following questions and pray through them with Jesus.

- 1) Read chapter one of 1 Samuel again. Are there any other moments of faith you see in this passage?
- 2) What is God asking you to trust Him in faith for?
- 3) Take some time today and think about a person who you can encourage in their faith. Plan to call them and then do it.