

# AFTER GODS HEART

For the week of February 1st, 2026

A Voice in the Darkness

Life

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When you hear the word "*barrenness*," what comes to mind for you?

Theology

**Read 1 Samuel 1:1–20.** Then discuss:

- What do you notice about the way Hannah prays in verses 10-11? What stands out to you about her posture, honesty, or language?
- What do you think it means that "the Lord remembered Hannah" (vv. 19-20)? What does this phrase suggest about God's character?

• **Read 1 Samuel 1:21–28.** Then discuss:

- What emotions or reactions does this part of the story stir in you at first glance? What are you drawn to, surprised by, or wrestling with?
- How might Hannah's actions inspire us in our current seasons of uncertainty?
- In what ways might Hannah's faithfulness and obedience speak to our own seasons of uncertainty today?

In Practice

Have a willing participant **read 1 Samuel 2:1–10** aloud slowly and clearly, while the rest of the group listens in a posture of prayer.

- As you listen, what words, phrases, or themes stand out to you?
- Why do you think those words caught your attention?

**Close your time together in prayer, inviting God to meet you in places of uncertainty, waiting, or hope.**

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Context Notes

Theology

Application

## Painting the Picture:

- 1 Samuel takes place during a time of \_\_\_\_\_.
- In the context of 1 Samuel, Israel is living in a season of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Eli represents a \_\_\_\_\_ system of power that still \_\_\_\_\_, but no longer \_\_\_\_\_.

**According to 1 Samuel 3:1**, “The Word of the Lord was \_\_\_\_\_ in those days.”

## Narrative Bridge:

Hannah’s \_\_\_\_\_ mirrors Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_.

## Theological Reflections:

- Before God brings renewal, He often invites \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Yahweh is a Great** \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Sam, V. 19)
- Faithful obedience often involves real \_\_\_\_\_.

## Truths to Hold on to.

- **God brings** \_\_\_\_\_ to the areas of our lives that feel \_\_\_\_\_.
- **God is already** \_\_\_\_\_, even when the future feels \_\_\_\_\_.

## One Thing (not to miss):

- **Yahweh** \_\_\_\_\_ **His** \_\_\_\_\_.