

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.

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

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Context Notes

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Application

IN-SEPMONOTES

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 _____.**