

Judges 21:25 "...everyone did what was right in their own eyes."

1 Samuel 1: 11 "...If you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

1 Samuel 1:15 "I am a woman who is deeply troubled...I was pouring out my soul to the LORD... I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

Lessons from Hannah.

1. Be persistent in prayer. Remain steadfast.
1 Peter 5: 10 *And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

By remaining steadfast in our prayer, we acknowledge that we are not in control.

Do not lose heart, continue to pray believing.
2. We must surrender our will to God. Hannah came year after year to worship and seek God.
Romans 12:1 *Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.*

Psalm 37:7a *...Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him;*

James 4:7 *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*
3. We must remember God's previous faithfulness.
1 Samuel 2:2 *"there is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you. There is no rock like our God."*
As we walk in faith we will be strengthened by his spirit.
4. Despite continuing opposition, we speak only words of hope.

Samuel means "heard by God."

As a mother who loves her child, what can we do?

1. Pray for them. Find scriptures that you want to pray over them.
2. Pray for their character.
3. Pray that they grow spiritually so they can discern the voice of God as he speaks to them.
4. Pray they are drawn to friends who also are growing in their walk of faith.
5. Praise God knowing he loves them even more than we do and that he has a wonderful plan and purpose for their life.

Judges 8:22 Gideon said to them *"I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you: the LORD will rule over you."*