

Message 1  
**Asking**

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2. Requires \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 Samuel 1:9-18. C/R: Luke 18:1-8; John 15:7;  
Hebrews 4:15-16; 1 John 5:14-15)

► **Outline**

Today's Message based on 1 Samuel 1:1-28.

... The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.  
**James 5:16b (NLT)**

**A. Introduction**

(Judges 21:25; 1 Samuel 3:1; Romans 15:4; Acts 3:24;  
13:17-22)

**B. Praying with passion...**

(1 Samuel 1)

1. Response to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 Samuel 1:1-8. C/R: John 9:1-3; 16:33; Romans 5:3-5;  
2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

3. Results in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 Samuel 1:19-28. C/R: Numbers 6:1-8; Deuteronomy 6:5-7; Proverbs 22:6; Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 6:4)

**Answers:** 1. distress 2. honesty 3. faithfulness

**Resource Information:** Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue your relationship with Jesus. Take time to reflect, learn and talk with God. Find a Small Group at [brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups).

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### Conversation Starter

Briefly describe a defining moment in your life as a child or teenager.

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [1 Samuel 1:1-18](#).

1. What does this passage tell us about these characters? *Who are they?*
  - a. Elkanah
  - b. Hannah
  - c. Peninnah
  - d. Eli
  - e. Hophni and Phinehas
2. What words best describe what Hannah was experiencing?
3. Why was she feeling this way?
4. Have you ever asked God for something in similar desperation? Explain.

Read [1 Samuel 1:19-28](#).

5. Summarize this part of the story.
6. How do you think Hannah must have been feeling at this point?

Read [1 Samuel 2:1-11](#).

7. Write out several truths about God that Hannah declared in her prayer.
8. Which truth is most significant to you personally right now? Why?
9. How could Hannah have expressed her faith even if God had not given her a child?

### Soul Training

Name one area of your life that is particularly challenging right now. Close your eyes and talk with God about this struggle and what you're experiencing. Ask God what He wants you to know. Spend several minutes in silence listening for God to guide you. Allow God to develop in you the practice of seeking Him in all things.

### Memory Verse

...*The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.*

[James 5:16b NLT](#)

### Daily Reading

- Day 1: [1 Samuel 1:4-10](#)      Day 4: [Psalm 13:1-6](#)  
Day 2: [1 Samuel 1:19-28](#)      Day 5: [Psalm 30:1-5](#)  
Day 3: [Romans 5:3-5](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, January 21, we'll continue the series *Belonging to God: The Life of Samuel*. To prepare for the message, spend a few quiet moments reading [1 Samuel 2:12-36](#).