

**1 Samuel 2:1-10**  
**Hannah's Song**

### Warm Up

New mothers are filled with joy at the birth of their child. What fills you with joy?

Hope is something we all need. What is your hope for your family, friends and community?

### Background and context

In ancient culture, a married woman without children was a disgrace. Hannah had struggled to conceive and brought her heartache to the Lord. God responds, and after giving birth, Hannah praises God. Usually, mothers talk endlessly about their children, but Hannah praises God instead. The prayer/song is divided into three sections. Verses 1-5 reveals a joy in the Lord because of His faithfulness. Then verses 6-8 reveal Hannah's hope for the world and how the Lord is acting in it, bringing justice to His creation. Finally verses 9-10 look to the future and God's victory over evil when His anointed one rules as King.

### Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

***READ 1 Samuel 2:1-10.** What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand?*

1. What do you think it means when Hannah says 'my horn is lifted high'? If you have a concordance, look up any notes on this phrase.
2. What does it mean that "there is no one holy like the LORD; there is no Rock like our God"?
3. How does Hannah's song move from her personal situation to a broader reflection on God's character, sovereignty, and justice? Which parts of the text reveal this?
4. How does Hannah's understanding of God as the One who "brings low and lifts up" (v.7) encourage you to trust Him in your challenges and when we see injustice in the world?
5. How does Hannah's prayer model a heart of gratitude and joy even after hardship? What elements from her prayer can you incorporate into your own prayers?
6. Hannah makes the first biblical reference to God's "anointed one" (Messiah/Christ) in v10. How does her prayer foreshadow the coming of Jesus and the hope He brings?

### Discipleship and Application

7. How can we move from personal prayer to praising God for His universal reign and purposes, as Hannah did?
8. How does Hannah's story inspire you to trust God with your deepest desires and personal struggles?

### Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.