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Year after year she watched another important feast go by, without a child by her side.

Hannah, though dearly loved by her husband Elkanah, could not get pregnant. Adding to her sorrow, his other wife, Peninnah, had many children and taunted Hannah constantly. Elkanah often tried to comfort Hannah by giving her double portions of the sacrificial meat during their special feast to worship God. He would also try to console her and ask, "Am I not worth much more to you than ten sons?" But Hannah's grief was too deep. During one of the usual visits to the place of worship, she went alone to the place of prayer.

In silent anguish, she wept and made a vow to God: if he gave her a son, she would dedicate the child to his service. She prayed silently for a long time, and the religious leader, seeing her lips move

without sound, mistakenly assumed she was drunk. He scolded her, but Hannah explained her deep sorrow. The leader then blessed her, saying God would grant her request.

Hannah left that day filled with hope. Soon after, **she conceived and gave birth to a son, Samuel, meaning "asked by God."** True to her promise, she brought him to serve at the temple when he was old enough, and every year she visited him, bringing a handmade robe. God later blessed Hannah with three more sons and two daughters.

What are you waiting on today? The 'wait' might feel too heavy to carry, and you don't know what else to do. Come to God in faith for endurance to trust him. His love for us never fails and he is faithful to carry you through.