



Clarity in Times of Chaos
August 6 & 7, 2022

Legend of the Call Week 9: Hannah

Occupation: Farm wife

Place in Life: A long battle with infertility and loneliness.

Calling: To stand as a beacon of prayer in a time of chaos.

Hannah's world was filled with:

- **Immature and irresponsible leaders.**

1 Samuel 2:12 (ESV)

The sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the LORD.

When have I been disappointed with someone who was supposed to lead me?

- **Personal loneliness.**

1 Samuel 1:2-7 (NLT)

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Where in my life do I feel alone?

- **Silence from God.**

1 Samuel 3:1 (NLT)

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Where in my life do I wish God would speak?

- **Spiritual confusion.**

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Where in my life am I confused about what God is doing?

I gain clarity in times of chaos when I:

1 Ask God to show me what He wants most for my life.

1 Samuel 1:11 (NLT)

[Hannah] made this vow: "O LORD of Heaven's Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the LORD, his hair will never be cut."

Matthew 7:9-11 (NLT)

"You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him."

30-Day Prayer Challenge:

Start each day by praying, "**God, what do you want for me today?**"
Pray this prayer instead of listing out what you want from God.

2 Give back to God whatever He gives to me.

1 Samuel 1:27-28 (NIV)

“I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there.

What is the last thing God gave me? How will I give it back to Him?

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Start changing the world by changing my home.

1 Samuel 2:18-19 (NLT)

But Samuel, though he was only a boy, served the LORD. He wore a linen garment like that of a priest. Each year his mother made a small coat for him and brought it to him when she came with her husband for the sacrifice.

What one thing could I do to dedicate my home to God?

2 Chronicles 35:18 (ESV)

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