

# WHEN MOMS PRAY

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1 Samuel 1:1-20 (p. 418)

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*In bitterness of soul  
Hannah wept much and prayed to the Lord.  
1 Samuel 1:10*

## Reading the narrative

*There was a certain man . . . .  
1 Samuel 1:1*

1. Know the global, focus on the local
2. Connect the stories
3. Find the narrative links to discover the theme

## Hannah's story

*. . . he had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.  
1 Samuel 1:2*

## **The power of sorrow**

*As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth.*

*Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard.*

*Eli thought she was drunk, and said to her, “How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine.”*

*“Not so, my lord,” Hannah replied, “I am a woman who is deeply troubled.”*

1 Samuel 1:12-14

## **When I can't meet *that* need**

*Eli answered, “Go in peace,*

*and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”*

*. . . and her face was no longer downcast.*

1 Samuel 1:17-18

## **When God remembers**

*She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the Lord for him.”*

1 Samuel 1:20b

1) God is \_\_\_\_\_

2) Watch out when \_\_\_\_\_

## **For further study of 1 Samuel 4:1-5**

Spurgeon's "A Woman of Sorrowful Spirit" at <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/a-woman-of-a-sorrowful-spirit#flipbook/10>

P.G. Matthew's sermon "The Effectual Prayer" at <https://gracevalley.org/sermon/the-effectual-prayer-2/>

Alexander Maclaren's commentary at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mac/1-samuel.html>