

Series: Help for Life's Challenges – Part 7

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:1-18

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HELP FOR MEETING IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS!

Hanna did two things that can help us when we are faced with an impossible situation...

I. GO TO _____ IN _____!

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

"When we work _____ work. When we pray, _____ works!"

Three things Hanna believed about prayer...

1. God is the true _____ of power!

Zechariah 4:6 *"Not by might or by power but by my spirit" says the Lord.*

2. God's power can _____ anything!

Ephes. 3:20 *Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.*

God's power is shown in three ways...

Power over _____
Power over _____
Power over _____

3. Third, God displays his power through _____!

Matthew 21:22 *"If you believe you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer!"*

II. _____ IN _____!

1 Samuel 1:17-18 *Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him." She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.*

1 Samuel 1:19-20 *Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah lay with Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her.] So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."*

Mark 11:24 *Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

Mark 5:35-36 *While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?" [36] Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid: just believe."*

Mark 9:19-23 *"O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."*

1 Samuel 1:27 *I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him.*