

IN TOUCH

AN AMAZING MOM

Dear Friend:

Mother's Day is this Sunday and every one of us have good stories about our mother. Stories of love, sacrifice and maybe even a few good dishes (food that is). As a matter of fact most of us would say our mother was amazing. If you are fortunate enough that your mother is still alive tell her this Sunday she is amazing!

I hope your mother's faith is like Hannah's faith, the mother of Samuel. Samuel was a priest, a prophet, and a judge for Israel. The fact that he was born at all is amazing, you can find the information about his birth in I Samuel 1. His faith was a miracle and an answer to his mother's prayers. Hannah could not have children and it saddened her greatly, what made it worse is that she was mocked and tormented by her husband's other wife (yes he had two) who had no problem bearing children. As I Samuel 1 unfolds we find several godly traits unfold.

First, Hannah was very faithful to God. Her husband, Elkanah, made an annual trek to Shiloh to worship God and offer sacrifices. Each year Elkanah took both of his wives, Hannah agreed to go even though she knew she was going to be tormented by wife #2. Hannah faithfully continued to worship God. Hannah was also a woman of prayer. Day after day, year after year she prayed for God to give her just one child. She persisted in prayer and she prevailed. God gave her a son: Samuel, the future leader of Israel. Hannah was also a woman who kept her promise – even at a great cost. She prayed to God for a child and promised that if God gave her a child she would give the child back to God. So when Samuel was about three years old she took Samuel to _____ the priest at Shiloh and told the priest about her vow and allowed the priest to adopt Samuel and raise him to become a priest.

All of us, not just mom's, should have the same characteristics as Hannah. A person of prayer, faithfulness and a promise keeper!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayers: Dick Hickernell, Sunil Bhat, Mary White, Aline Bhat

Event: A new Bible study has begun, Sunday's 9:00 a.m.: Prophecies About Jesus. Join Kirk McVay as he leads this in-depth study into many, many Old Testament prophecies about Jesus. We have never before done a study at this level of the Messianic prophecies