

# The Gift Given Was the Gift Given

1 SAMUEL 1:1-28

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You can't control the \_\_\_\_\_,

but you can control your \_\_\_\_\_

In our pain, God \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_

In our waiting, God \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_

In our receiving, God \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

### **READ: 1 Samuel 1**

- What other contrasts in Scripture — siblings, spouses, nations, etc. — come to mind when you consider these two wives?
- Do you ever compare yourself to others, noticing what they have and you might lack?
- How does Elkanah show love toward Hannah and bless her?
- What would the significance of a double portion mean for her?
  
- Why does Scripture draw attention to this rivalry?
- Eli, the priest, was sitting at the door of the place of worship. What does a doorway symbolize in Scripture?
- In deep anguish, Hannah wept bitterly. Why is this a legitimate expression of worship?
- Initially, Eli thought Hannah was drunk. What might that tell us about Eli's understanding of prayer?
  
- What does it mean that “the Lord remembered” Hannah?
- Can you think of other times in the scriptures when the Lord remembers someone?
- What is the significance of Samuel's name?
- What does Hannah commit to doing with Samuel? Why?
  
- Should we assume that Hannah's prayers are a good model for our own prayers?
- What does waiting look like for you?
- What can you control when it comes to waiting?