

# The Measure of a Mom

Sunday, May 8, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI  
Pastor Jonathan DeCou  
*1 Samuel 1 & 2*

**BIG IDEA:** Moms can make a big difference.

*“The boy **Samuel** grew up in the presence of the LORD.”  
1 Samuel 2:21b (CSB)*

## Hannah’s example of **PRAYER**. (*1 Samuel 1:10-11*)

- Her prayers were characterized by **HONESTY**.
- Her prayers were characterized by **FAITH**.

## Hannah’s example of **SELF-DENIAL**. (*1 Samuel 1:27-28*)

- She was not a “**FOX-HOLE** follower”.
- She **MEANT** what she **SAID**.

## Hannah’s example of **THANKFULNESS**. (*1 Samuel 2:1-10*)

- *Now tell us what you really think, Hannah!*
- She developed an **ATTITUDE** of **GRATITUDE**.

## Hannah’s example of **FAITHFULNESS**. (*1 Samuel 2:19-21*)

- She was **TRUE** to her motherly duties.
- She was worthy of **5 more** children!

## How others perceived Hannah:

- **Peninnah:** An object of **RIDICULE**.
- **Elkanah:** An object of his **AFFECTION**.
- **Eli:** 1<sup>st</sup> an object of **PITY**, then an object of **ADMIRATION**.
- **Samuel:** An object of **LOVE** and **RESPECT**.

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**READ:** 1 Samuel 1 & 2.

**THINK:** Think about the example of Hannah as a Mom, then ask yourself these questions: *What has brought you the most joy in the past couple of years? The most grief? When you yearn for something and it doesn’t happen, what do you do? Complain a lot? Get depressed? Pig out on junk food? Get mad at God? What are the most encouraging and discouraging things Hannah had going for her? What responses does her not having children evoke in Hannah? In Elkanah? In Peninnah? In Eli? How does this passage illustrate the evils of polygamy? What does Hannah intend for son by her vow? How do you think Hannah felt giving Samuel to someone else to raise? Considering Hannah’s prayer of thanksgiving (2:1-10), what do you learn about the God she worships?*

**DO:** What example does your life set for others? To which example in Hannah’s life do you most relate: Her PRAYER, SELF-DENIAL, THANKFULNESS, or FAITHFULNESS? In which of those areas do you need to grow more?