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# Hannah: FERVENT

*1 Samuel 1:1-2:11*

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## Warming Up

1. What thing(s) in life are you most fervent about? Why?

## Digging In

2. *Fervency for the Lord flows from . . . your perspective of God (1:1-8).*
  - Pastor Todd said, “The starting point for everything is to sort out what you believe about God.” Why is your perception of God so crucial? What are some examples (both positive and negative) of this principle?
  - What do these verses reveal about Hannah that indicates her clear perspective of God? Focus in on 1:5 (“the LORD had closed her womb”). What is your initial reaction to the truth that God is behind some of our trials? How would you deal with this—anger, resignation, or acceptance?
3. *Fervency for the Lord flows from . . . your pattern of prayer (1:9-18).*
  - What do you observe about Hannah’s prayer life? How does she stand in stark contrast to Eli the priest?
  - “He who has learned to pray has learned the greatest secret of a holy and happy life” (William Law). Discuss this statement. Where do you need to grow in this matter of prayer?
4. *Fervency for the Lord flows from . . . your passion for worship (1:19-20; 2:1-10).*
  - Hannah’s worship is incredibly vertical. What do you learn about the LORD (Yahweh) from this section?
  - Job 1:21b teaches that we should worship God no matter what—give or take, good or bad. How do you respond to this concept? When have you intentionally chosen to worship in the midst of great difficulty?
5. *Fervency for the Lord flows from . . . your priorities in giving (1:21-28).*
  - Pastor Todd suggested that our giving should be generous, heartfelt, willing, and joyful. Talk about each of these characteristics. How does your giving match up? Where do you need to improve? What challenge does Matthew 6:21 provide?

## Breaking Out

6. What part of the message was most challenging for you? How is God speaking to you specifically in terms of increasing your fervency? Grade your spiritual fervency on a scale from 1-10. Pray for one another—that God would make you more fervent for him.