



Hannah's Anguished Wait 1 Samuel 1:1-20

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Waiting for life to get better...

- **Hannah is waiting**
Israel is waiting
 - **Hannah is physically barren**
Israel is spiritually barren
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Hannah's Wait is Filled with Anguish

- **Stigmatized by childlessness**
- **Provoked by Peninah**
- **Loved but not understood**
- **Misjudged by the priest**

In the Midst of the Wait, Hannah ...

- **Maintains an honest relationship with God**
 - **Maintains an honest relationship with others**
 - **Relinquishes the object of her wait**
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**God Responds to Hannah's
Anguished but Faithful Wait**

- **With a word of comfort and blessing**
- **With the miracle of birth out of barrenness**

In Reflection

- **Is this Hannah's story or God's story?**
 - **What's God seeing?**
 - **Where is God bringing new life?**
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Things to Think About

What are you waiting for? In what areas are you waiting for life to get better? How's the wait going?

Are you at peace with God? If not, what will you do about it?

Have you experienced times of being misunderstood and misjudged? How did you respond?

Are you able to relinquish the object of your wait? Why or why not?

Are you able to see that your story (whatever it might be) is also God's story?

What is God seeing as He looks into your situation?

Where is God already bringing new life into your story?
