



Feeling Like a Failure

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Elkanah had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah did not.

1 Samuel 1:2 (NLT)

⁶ So Peninnah would taunt Hannah and make fun of her because the Lord had kept her from having children. ⁷ Year after year it was the same—Peninnah would taunt Hannah as they went to the Tabernacle. Each time, Hannah would be reduced to tears and would not even eat.

1 Samuel 1:6-7 (NLT)

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...

Revelation 12:11 (NKJV)

1. "You probably did all you could."

2. "Get gut level honest with God."

⁹ Once after a sacrificial meal at Shiloh, Hannah got up and went to pray. Eli the priest was sitting at his customary place beside the entrance of the Tabernacle. ¹⁰ Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord.

1 Samuel 1:9-10 (NLT)

¹² As she was praying to the Lord, Eli watched her. ¹³ Seeing her lips moving but hearing no sound, he thought she had been drinking. ¹⁴ "Must you come here drunk?" he demanded. "Throw away your wine!" ¹⁵ "Oh no, sir!" she replied. "I haven't been drinking wine or anything stronger. But I am very discouraged, and I was pouring out my heart to the Lord. ¹⁶ Don't think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow."

1 Samuel 1:12-16 (NLT)

For by that one offering he made forever perfect in the sight of God all those whom he is making holy.

Hebrews 10:14 (TLB)

3. "There's more to your story."

Then they returned home to Ramah. When Elkanah slept with Hannah, the Lord remembered her plea, 20 and in due time she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel...

1 Samuel 1:19 (NLT)

"He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ..."

Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)