

Happy Mother's Day



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DISCUSSION

- What stuck in your mind from this weekend at ENCOUNTER?
- Hannah started out in a tough spot (unable to have children, was one of two wives, lots of rivalry and shame.) Going back in your own story, is there anything that happened earlier in your life that could have left you feeling bitter and/or abandoned?
- Hannah took it all to God. Can you recall a point in your life when you cried out to God and surrendered yourself to whatever He wanted? What was that like for you?
- What benefit was there in Hannah's life to having been barren and ridiculed before she was ever able to have a child? Are there ways in which God has shown you His power, His grace, or His provisions in ways that you never would have noticed without some huge need in your life?
- In Hannah's case, God had a plan to give her a son because God was going to use that boy as a great prophet. This plan also meant that Hannah had to release Samuel to the Lord's purposes. Can you identify ways in which God has blessed your life, but also has shown you His plans to use those blessings for His eternal purposes? Have you ever really struggled to release something or someone to God?
- This week, is there some way that you could express your gratitude to God for His plans and purposes in your own life — including the painful parts.