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Jehovah Sabaoth

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1 Samuel 1

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INTRODUCTION:

This week Pastor Mark taught us that Jehovah Sabaoth (the Lord of Hosts) fights for us. You can find the sermon notes and summary [here](#),¹ and listen to the sermon by clicking [here](#).²

SCRIPTURE:

Today's text is from a variety of text. See Pastor Mark's sermon notes.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Hannah struggled with infertility, but we find out in the text that it was God who had closed her womb (1 Samuel 1:3-7). In her distress she cried out to the Lord, and he allows her to conceive. She gave birth to the great prophet Samuel! Sometimes we feel as though our circumstances are overwhelming and impossible. However, we need to remember that what seems like a trial to us is sometimes God working in our lives to do something much greater than we could even thing to ask for (c.f. Eph 3:20). What are you facing right now? Ask the Lord of Hosts to come to your aid, trusting that he can work for your good.
2. Hannah named her son Samuel, which means "Heard by God." God really does hear our prayers. Sometimes people call out to God for help but forget to praise him when he brings about a good result. Like Hannah, let us always seek to acknowledge God's good work in our lives. Has he answered a prayer recently? Share the good news with others so that they can rejoice with you.

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE:

When all else fails ... remember that the Lord of Hosts fights on behalf of his people. Run to him for help and rely on his strength. The Lord of Hosts can and will work on our behalf; he can and will fulfill his plan and purpose.³

AT A GLANCE:

"And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head...They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the LORD." (1 Samuel 1:11, 19–20 ESV)

¹ <https://wheelsms.wordpress.com/2016/07/24/jehovah-sabaoth/>

² <http://firstcentral.church/sermons/thenamesofgod.html>

³ Adapted from Pastor Marks sermon notes.

