**1 Samuel 1: A Tale of Husband and Wife - Application Questions**

1. Elkanah was a devout Israelite, but fell short when it came dealing with his real problems. In what areas of my life have I been trusting in myself, instead of turning to God?
2. What would it look like to trust God in my area of greatest need? How can I start trusting in God to address this problem, rather than trying to fix it myself?
3. Hannah had a problem that she could not fix. But because of that, it compelled her to turn to the Lord for her answer. What problems do I face that I know I cannot solve myself? What does God's word say about that problem? What am I supposed to do, in light of God's promise to provide, protect, deliver, and answer my prayers?
4. Neither Elkanah nor the High Priest Eli were able to discern Hannah's true problem or offer help. How can I *not* miss what God is doing in someone else's life? What can I do, as a believer, to help someone who is going through a difficult problem?