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1 Samuel 1-3 Assignment

This passage talks about a man named Elkanah who is a son of many and from Ramathaim. He has two wives named Peninnah and Hannah, one had kids the other didn't. Every year he went to his hometown to worship the Lord. Elkanah had to sacrifice meat to Peninnah and her children but gave double that to Hannah because of his love for her. Hannah got more meat because the Lord closed her womb. Hannah would go to the house of the Lord weeping and refusing to eat.. Elkanah didn't understand why his wife was crying and not eating and thinking he doesn't mean as much to her.

Hannah prayed and prayed but Eli the priest thought she was drunk due to the way she was speaking. After all the praying she was soon pregnant and gave birth to a boy named Samuel. Little after she weaned him, he was presented to the Lord. Eli's sons did not care for the Lord, priests would take ideas from their servant as their own. Samuel was ministering and when his parents would go for Hannah's sacrifice she would bring him a robe. Eli blessed the two to have children, Hannah had two daughters and three more sons.

Eli found out what his sons were doing, he tried to refresh their memory on the actions they'd done. His sons didn't listen so the Lord will now put them to death. Samuel was successful in his ministry favoring people and the Lord. Eli was a priest in Shiloh and has two sons named Hophni and Phinehas. His sons had no regard for the Lord but didn't know until later. He prays for Hannah, Elkanah's wife to have children of her own. A man asked Eli "Why

do you[k] scorn my sacrifice and offering that I prescribed for my dwelling? Why do you honor your sons more than me by fattening yourselves on the choice parts of every offering made by my people Israel? Sam 2:27” Eli was a priest but he was not good parent due to him not caring for his children and leading them in the right path. The Lord cut Eli off, told him both his sons would die on the same day. To me Eli is in the middle in my opinion, he is a good priest but at the same time he spent most of his time praying for people and not cafring for his sons.

After readings this I know that when pursuing a job or something close to that dont get to lost in your work. When getting lost in your work you can tend to not care about the people you love. Learning to to know when to stop and take a break to spend time with loved ones can put a balance on the rest of your life. Applying this I can always care for myself and my success in what I wnat to do but I can’t forget about my loved ones on my way to great things. This can teach me to appreciate more in my life and be grateful for what I have and care for who I love. There’s a verse that resonates with me saying “God Is Within Her, She Will Not Fail Psalms 46:5”. To me it means even though I may fall, I wont fail because God will always be there to pick me back up. Knowing that God will protect me from all bad and lead to all good means I can live my life through him and with him.

In this reading, I learned that you have to have your priorities but also make sure your family is apart of those priorities. Never let your work get in the way of your family needs and stay in their life and know what s going on with them. Hold your loved ones accountable for their actions but lead them in the right pathway. On their Christian walk help them through everything and dont let them do it alone. Through all the adversity and challenges they go through always be there from them when they fall down.

