



# SAMUEL KINGS & COVENANTS

## MESSAGE NOTES & DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 1 – WHEN GOD STANDS IN THE WAY

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

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1 Samuel 1-2:10

### WHEN YOU PRAY:

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- Cry out to God in the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_
- Cry out to God when you don't \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_
- Cry out to God with your \_\_\_\_\_

Persistent prayer \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to praise

### DIGGING DEEPER

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1. What kinds of pain or disappointment was Hannah experiencing?
2. Why do you think it's hard for people to pray when they are deeply hurting?
3. **Read 1 Samuel 1:10.** How does Hannah's prayer reflect raw emotion and authentic faith at the same time?
4. When you are overwhelmed, what does crying out to God look like in your life (or what could it look like)?
5. What do you think was going through Hannah's mind each year as she worshiped during the Feast of Tabernacles—celebrating God's provision while feeling personally forgotten?
6. Have you ever felt like God stood in the way of your hopes or dreams? What did that feel like?
7. Why do you think God sometimes withholds what we're asking for—even good things?
8. How did Hannah respond once God answered her prayer?
9. What are some reasons people forget or fail to praise God after He moves in their lives?
10. What would it look like for your prayers to become praise—even before the answer arrives?
11. Where in your life do you feel like God might be “standing in the way” right now?
12. Which of the three cries do you need to focus on this week?