

**Introduction:**

**Big Idea:** What's happening is not the same thing as what's going on.

1. What's "happening" is about *my* perspective of the circumstances of the day.
2. What's "going on" is about *God's* perspective of the day.

**A. The Moses Story:** (Exodus 2:1-6)

1. "What's happening" with Jacobed was heartbreaking.
2. "What's going" on is God's plan of deliverance for His people.

**B. The Hannah Story:** (1 Samuel 1:1-11)

1. What's happening with Hannah is the heartbreak of being childless.
2. What's going on is God's plan of leadership for His people.

**C. Life Application**

1. What's going on is about  
Trusting God to bring the meaning behind circumstances.
2. What's going on is about  
Relinquishing our disappointments, unfairness and questions to God...  
who is working His plan for your life and His Kingdom.  
What's going on is about our FAITH in God's working in our lives.
3. Faith is the gift we give to God (Romans 5:2).

**Conclusion:**

**Read:** Ex.2:1-10

1. The story of Jacobed, Moses' mother, teaches us the doctrine of providence that the world and our lives are not ruled by chance or by fate but by God. By God's providence, Moses became the liberator of the Israelites from their bondage in Egypt.
2. As a mother, what has happened or what is happening to you that you need to see from God's perspective to give you hope and encouragement?  
Share Your story with the group.

**Read:** 1 Samuel 1:1-11

1. The story of Hannah teaches us the power of prayer to turn our barrenness and bitterness into the joy of fruitfulness, teaching us to turn to God for our need that no one else can meet except God.
2. As a mother, what tears of bitterness do you need God to turn into the joy of thanksgiving?

**REFLECTION:**

Generally for all of us, the stories of Moses and Hannah teach us God's intervention in our lives when we please Him by our faith. Read Hebrew 11:6