

YOU RAISE ME UP

1 Samuel 1:27-28

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INTRO:

Challenges mothers are facing today

A. HANNAH'S DILEMMA

1. **Social** struggle (v. 1-2)
2. **Physical** struggle (v. 3-5)
3. **Emotional** struggle (v. 6)
4. **Marital** struggle (v. 7-8)

B. HANNAH'S DETERMINATION

1. She responded in **humility** (v. 6-7)
2. She poured her **heart** to God (v. 9-15)
3. She placed her **hope** in God (v. 16-17)

C. HANNAH'S DEDICATION

1. She gave her son his **roots** (v. 21-23)
2. She gave her son his **wings** (v. 24-28)
3. She saw her son fulfill his **purpose** (v. 3:19-21)

CONCLUSION

The story of "Koinobori"

Tabletalk Questions (BEP)

1. Share about a time when you were caught doing something wrong by a parent, teacher, or other authority figure.

2. Read Acts 5:1–4.

Q: What does this story tell us about how we should behave with our fellow believers?

Q: Think of people in your life who are honest. What are some of the positive attributes that accompany those who choose to always tell the truth?

3. Read Acts 5:5–10.

Q: When someone has opportunity to come clean, what usually keeps them from telling the truth?

Q: Have you experienced a situation where a person in authority wasn't being honest? What happened?

4. Read Acts 5:11.

Q: How should thinking about fellow believers as the temple of God's Spirit impact how we treat them?

Q: The most fatal of all consequences in the New Testament is tied to dishonoring the Holy Spirit. Knowing this, what can we do to appropriately honor the Spirit of God in our life?

Did you know?

We can find an account similar to Ananias and Sapphira in Greek history. Greek historian Herodotus tells of a man from Sparta named Glaucus, who was believed to be an honest, honorable man. But he withheld a large sum of money he had been entrusted with, resulting in his rebuke by the prophetess of Delphi. As punishment, Glaucus was struck with infertility, not death. Any Greek reading the Book of Acts would have made an immediate connection with this story. These more severe consequences reinforced the truth that the God of the Bible will not be mocked.