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# God Cares about Our Lives

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

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⇒ How can parents show love to their kids?

## SUMMARY

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*In this session, we will consider the power of prayer according to God's will, as displayed in one woman's life. God not only commands us to pray, but Christ tells us **how** to pray effectively. He cares about the lives of his people too much to leave them without good instruction.*

# LISTEN

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“Lord, teach us to pray... - Luke 11:1b

- Hannah’s bitter situation led her to the Lord in prayer.
- Hannah’s broken heart connected her to the Lord.
- Her desire was for God to be glorified, and for His kingdom to be advanced.
- God answered Hannah’s prayer and granted her request, making her glad.
- God answers our prayers when we pray according to his will.

**Notes**

# DISCUSS

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- Do you remember any sorrowful situation in your life which brought you closer to God?
- Does prayer have any impact?
- In 1 Samuel chapter 1, Scripture says that the Lord had closed Hannah's womb. But Hannah *kept on* praying, and God answered her prayer! Does God change His mind when we pray?
- Read the Lord's Prayer (see Matthew 6:9-13). Why does Jesus tell His disciples to address God as "Our Father?"
- What does it mean to ask God to "give us this day our daily bread?" What does this mean to you?
- What makes prayer effective?
- God is sovereign and cares for our lives. Then, why should we pray?

# FOLLOW UP

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## Key Readings

- ◆ Genesis 3:8
- ◆ 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- ◆ Matthew 6:9-13
- ◆ Luke 11:1-13
- ◆ Psalm 4

What does Genesis 3:8 tell us about how people respond to God's presence? Prayer is frequently referred to as "entering into the presence of God." Why might people resist prayer?

Hannah prayed again *after* God answered her initial request. Read 1 Samuel 2:1-10, and reflect upon what she prayed in response to God's blessing.

Why is it important that Jesus taught His disciples how to pray? In His parable in Luke 11, what attitude does Jesus encourage His disciples to take when they pray? What about King David's attitude in Psalm 4?

What questions come to mind as you consider these passages?