

DIGGING DITCHES

how to prepare for **RAIN** in a season of **DROUGHT**



1 SAMUEL 1:2 NLT

¹⁰ Elkanah had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah did not.



1 SAMUEL 1:3-6 NLT

³ Each year Elkanah would travel to Shiloh to worship and sacrifice to the LORD... ⁴ On the days Elkanah presented his sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to Peninnah and each of her children. ⁵ And though he loved Hannah, he would give her only one choice portion because the LORD had given her no children. ⁶ So Peninnah would taunt Hannah and make fun of her because the LORD had kept her from having children.



1 SAMUEL 1:10-17 NLT

¹⁰ Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord. ¹¹ And she made this vow: “O Lord of Heaven’s Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime.” ¹² As she was praying to the Lord, Eli watched her. ¹³ Seeing her lips moving but hearing no sound, he thought she had been drinking.



1 SAMUEL 1:10-17 NLT

¹⁴ “Must you come here drunk?” he demanded. “Throw away your wine!” ¹⁵ “Oh no, sir!” she replied. “I haven’t been drinking wine or anything stronger. But I am very discouraged, and I was pouring out my heart to the LORD. ¹⁶ Don’t think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow.” ¹⁷ “In that case,” Eli said, “go in peace! May the God of Israel grant the request you have asked of him.”



ROMANS 5:3-5 NIV

³ ...we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;
⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.



JAMES 1:2-4 NIV

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.



1 SAMUEL 2:18-19 NLT

¹⁸ But Samuel, though he was only a boy, served the LORD. He wore a linen garment like that of a priest.

¹⁹ Each year his mother made a small coat for him and brought it to him when she came with her husband for the sacrifice.



1 SAMUEL 2:26 NLT

²⁶ And Samuel continued to grow in stature with God and man.



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