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1 Samuel 1:1-20

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Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

What you worry about the most often reveals
where you trust God the least.

Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb,
her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her.
This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah
went up to the house of the Lord, her rival
provoked her till she wept and would not eat.

1 Samuel 1:6-7

Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house. In her *deep anguish* *Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly.*

1 Samuel 1:9-10

She made a vow, saying, “Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life

1 Samuel 1:11

Then she went her way and ate something, and
her face was no longer downcast.

1 Samuel 1:18

Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the Lord for him.”

1 Samuel 1:19-20

Because God has been faithful in the past,
we can trust Him with the future.

Questions for reflection:

- 1) What answer am I still waiting for?
- 2) What has my attitude been whilst I am waiting for an answer?
- 3) How can I wait better?