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1 Samuel 1:1-8RG AUDIO 052812

Hannah was barren. This led to weeping, loss of appetite, and depression. Her husband tried to cheer her up but without success. In addition, her rival mercilessly taunted her. Hannah was miserable, and this went on year after weary year (v. 7).

Barrenness can lead to depression, depression to despair, and despair to faith-destroying hopelessness. Barrenness is not limited to the childless, however. Leaders in declining churches, Christian parents of wayward children, and faithful workers passed over time and again for advancement can feel their own brand of barrenness.

Hannah, nevertheless, had resources to battle barrenness. She had a loving husband, she knew how to pray, and, most importantly, she had the Lord Almighty. God had plans that would exceed her expectations. He would turn her barrenness into blessing. We have Jesus' promise, "Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5b, NLT).