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Message Discussion Questions

Introduction:

Happy Mother's Day!

This week Matt brings a new message for Mother's Day titled 'The Mother Load'. Would you agree that one of the hardest and most unappreciated jobs in the world is being a mother? If mothers wear all kind of hats, do they literally carry the Mother Load? This week we're looking at one of the best moms for us to learn from in the Bible, Hannah, who wore many different hats.

Questions:

1. Would you agree that when God raises up a leader to change the status quo, to make a difference in the world, He usually starts with a Godly mom? What makes someone a Godly mom? How can a Godly mom make a difference in the world? 1 Samuel 1:1-2
2. What do you know about Hannah? Why was Hannah mocked by Peninnah? How did Hannah deal with her grief and frustration because she couldn't get pregnant? 1 Samuel 1:2-6
3. What does it mean that Hannah wore the 'Spiritual Hat'? What evidence is there that she had developed a personal relationship with God? How important is your relationship with God? Is your relationship with God a priority in your home? 1 Samuel 1:7-10
4. How is being a woman of prayer, modeling the 'Spiritual Hat'? Why is it important that as Hannah prayed, she asked for God's will to be done? Why is that a difficult, tough prayer? When you turn to God in prayer are you asking for His will to be done in your life, or for Him to bless your will? 1 Samuel 1:11-12

5. Why is the 'Marriage Hat' the second most important hat for a mom to wear? How did Hannah model the 'Marriage Hat'? After your relationship with God, does your marriage come next or are you 'kid centric'? Is your marriage an example for your kids of what a marriage should be? 1 Samuel 1:3
6. Why is worshipping with your spouse so important in wearing the 'Marriage Hat'? What happens when a family worships God together? Is worshipping God together a priority in your home? Is this why it's so important for you to find a mate who is a Christian? How does being equally yoked together relate to Intimacy, Harmony and Family? As a husband do you put your wife on a pedestal?
1 Samuel 1:19; 2 Corinthians 6:14-15; 1 Samuel 1:4-5
7. How is Hannah wearing the 'Parent Hat' a beautiful cycle of motherhood? How does being dedicated to God, lead to being dedicated to your husband, and then being dedicated to your children and then dedicate your children to God demonstrate the right perspective of life? Have you dedicated your children back to God? 1 Samuel 1:19-20, 24-28

Key Takeaway: *I believe that if you'll put on the spiritual hat, develop a vibrant relationship with God, if you'll put on the marriage hat and develop a vibrant relationship with your husband, and then put on the parent hat and decide that your main goal as a mother is to dedicate your children back to God, then and only then will you become successful when it comes to the mother's load, then and only then will you be able to say, because of God, I've truly hit the mother load.*

Summary:

- When God raises up a leader He starts with a Godly mom
- Hannah was unable to have children and Peninnah mocked her
- Wearing the Spiritual Hat - first step a relationship with God
- Trusting God's will to be done when you pray
- Wearing the Marriage Hat - second step a strong marriage
- Worshipping God together; intimacy, harmony, family
- Wearing the Parent Hat - last step dedicating children to God