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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### God at Work in Chaos

1 Samuel 1:1-20

- I. A Family in Chaos: Elkanah led a family with serious troubles (1 Samuel 1: 1-8).
  - A. Moral confusion: Elkanah was a polygamist, but worshipped God regularly.
    - Moral compromise brings spiritual confusion.
  - B. Family conflict: Wife Peninah had many children and gloated over Hannah who had none.
    - Pride and insecurity cause conflict and grief.
  - C. Family Favoritism: Elkanah tried to comfort Hannah by favoring her over Peninah
    - Appeasement does not solve family conflict.
  
- II. A Desperate Prayer: Hannah prayed desperately for a son (1 Samuel 1:9-18)
  - A. Hannah prayed in deep anguish.
  - B. Hannah made a vow committing her son for God to use as He wished (Nazirite vow).
  - C. God gave Hannah hope through priest Eli's promise.
    - The path to peace is through trusting God (Philippians 4:6-7; Romans 15:13)
  
- III. A Faithful God: God answered Hannah's prayer (1 Samuel 1:19-20).
  - A. God responded to Hannah's prayer with a son.
    - God answers prayers that are according to His will (1 John 5:14-15; John 16:23).
  - B. Hannah honored God with gratitude.

Principle: God can work powerfully through us in spite of any chaos around us.

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