

**When You Feel Invisible**  
**MOTHER's Day**  
**May 10, 2026**  
**1 Samuel 1:9–20, 24–28**

**Sermon Points:**

**Introduction**

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2. Hannah's Pain (v. 6-7, 9-11)
3. From Despair to Prayer (v. 10-11, 15-18)
4. Open Hands (v. 24–28)
5. God Turns Everything Upside Down (1 Samuel 2:1–10)
6. Waiting and the Cross
7. Conclusion

**Questions (For personal reflection and small group discussion)**

1. When have you felt invisible or overlooked? What did that feel like in your body? In your thoughts?
2. Read 1 Samuel 1:9–18 together. What do you notice about how Hannah handled her pain? Have you ever been in a place where your pain felt that heavy? What helped you keep going?
3. After Hannah prayed and Eli blessed her, she ate and her face was no longer sad, even though she was not yet pregnant. Have you ever experienced peace from God before your prayer was answered? What was that like? Separately: What do you think changed in Hannah's heart? What does the text suggest?
4. Take a moment to name silently to yourself what God is asking you to hold with open hands instead of a closed fist. Then, if you're willing, share with the group.
5. The sermon said: "Jesus became the empty one so that you could be filled." How does knowing that change how you hold onto what you love most?

