

## Are You Happy with What You Got or Do You Want More?

All through the bible there are some that were happy with just existing then there were others that were willing to take a chance on having more.

- I can't find it in my heart to be satisfied with shouting and praising!
- I can't find my happy with just being a Christian when I know there is more.
- I can't be satisfied with status quo when heaven has more.

**John 10:10** - The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

**"The thief"**: Represents forces that seek to steal joy, peace, and true fulfillment from people.

**"Steal, kill, and destroy"**: Actions associated with the destructive forces that oppose Jesus.

**"Abundant life"**: The full and meaningful life that Jesus offers to those who follow him, going beyond physical existence.

- So, the thief, **Satan or false teachings**, comes to harm and destroy.
- **Jesus came to give a full and abundant life** to those who follow Him.
- Highlighting the contrast between **destruction and true life** found in following Jesus.

**Jesus' offer of abundant life** means that to gain Him as your Shepherd is far and away the greatest thing that could ever happen to you!

To live the John 10:10 life is to live a life committed to Christ.

What is the real difference between Satan's plan and God's plan?

- **God's plan** is one of obedience and righteousness.
- **God's plan** is to save all of humanity through obedience to the Gospel!
- **Satan's plan** is one of disobedience and rebellion.
- **Satan's plan** is to kill, steal, and destroy as much of God's creation as possible.

So, I ask why are we settling for less than the best?

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I Samuel talks about a man named **Elkanah**, he was the father of the Prophet Samuel.

Elkanah had **two wives**, Peninnah and Hannah -

- Peninnah was **fruitful** and Hannah was **barren**.
- Hannah could not have children and in those days, a wife's value was tied to her childbearing abilities.
- As in most polygamous marriages **there was rivalry between the two women**.

She was one of those that **wasn't satisfied with just her husband**.

She wasn't satisfied knowing that **the other wife had given him sons**.

She wanted to **give something to him from her own body**.

Hannah went to the Tabernacle and **began to pray earnestly**, and it caught the attention of the priest, Eli.

- **She prayed so fervently that Eli thought she was drunk**.

**1 Samuel 1:11** - And 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, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

- **If you will only look at your servant's misery and remember me!**

**Hannah inquired of the Lord** and **vowed to give her son fully to God**.

- Hannah gave birth to a son, she named him **Samuel**.
- Which means, **"asked of the Lord."** **Meaning, GOD heard!**

**God heard her cry** and gave her one of the greatest prophets the world has ever known.

- **Samuel grew up** and became **one of Israel's major prophets**.
- **It was Samuel who crowned Saul the first king of Israel**.
- **He would anoint a shepherd boy who would become Israel's greatest king**.

**1 Samuel 16:12-13** - 12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.

Hannah's prayer is a bold request that God remember her suffering and give her a son.

Hannah's obedience: Hannah keeps her vow and brings Samuel to the Lord.

Hannah's faith: Hannah demonstrates her faith through obedience, even when it means personal sacrifice.

Out there somewhere is a Prophet waiting to be born.

- They may be roaming the streets today; they may be on drugs or an alcoholic
- They may just be sitting at home waiting for an opportunity to be more.
- There is nothing wrong with wanting more.
- There is nothing wrong in striving to be better.

There is nothing wrong with wanting the supernatural working in your life.

What is wrong is that too many people are satisfied doing nothing.

If you are satisfied being a Sunday school teacher that is all you will ever be

- But if you are hungry to be a GREAT Sunday School teacher
- You must move ahead of the class with determination and zeal.
- Your Sunday school will only be what you are.
- If you are satisfied with just coming and getting through class that is all they will ever want.

I want you to be more!

- That is why I push you to pray.
- That is why I push to fast and seek the Lord.

Without his power there will be no more than a shout or jump in our lives.

I want to see people come to God, I want to see the miraculous happen.

Inside the womb of every true child of God is a cry for the miraculous, for signs and wonders and miracles.

There is a cry from their spiritual womb for the manifestation of the power of God, to be fruitful, to birth souls into the kingdom.

I believe today somebody is looking past Elkanah, *“God has taken possession.”*

- He represents love, the blessings and the favor of the Lord!

Do you want a Hannah experience?

“If you will only look at your servant’s misery and remember me!”

- Will you cry out to God and ask God for the glory and for the power.

Does somebody, maybe NOT everybody, want more out of life?

- I Believe today, somebody wants a life of maximum impact!!!

I wish that somebody here today would stand to your feet and let the devil know:

- You are a contender,
- You want more than to just be blessed,
- You want to make a MAXIMUM impact for God!!!

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Scripture describes the gifts that Jesus gave to the church to equip and build the body of Christ.

**Ephesians 4:11-13** - 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

**These Leadership roles** are meant to serve and guide the church towards spiritual growth and maturity.

- These **5 listed roles** are considered “gifts” NOT positions for personal gain.
- They are to equip the believers, enabling them to reach spiritual maturity!
- The aim is to achieve unity among believers and grow in Christ!

In other words, **bringing every believer to the place of Maximum Impact!**

**Maximum means:** The greatest possible amount - Largest amount or highest level reached - Largest number...

***I have discovered that a lot of people in the church are very comfortable and satisfied right where they are and don't like to be pushed.***

***I love you enough to keep on pushing,***

- To take **the flak** and to take **the criticism**.
- To take **the hostility** and **keep on pushing.....**
- **Even if you think I'm a pain in the neck,**

**I want you to experience a life of maximum impact.**

***You might even say the same thing about me that Hannah said about Peninnah.***

- She is my adversary, a thorn in my side, she makes me uncomfortable.
- She irritates me, and in fact I can't stand her...

***Peninnah provoked Hannah over her barrenness:***

***The point is Hannah had more in her!***

- ***BUT, She was satisfied*** - to have the love of her husband and be blessed.
- To be favored and ***never reach, believe or expect*** for more.

**Until She was pushed, until she was provoked**

***I'm not here this morning to make friends, I came here to push somebody and to provoke somebody.***

- I'm here today as an adversary, ***an adversary to status quo religion.***
- I'm an adversary to ***Luke warmness and indifference.***
- I'm an adversary to ***settling for crumbs*** when ***you can have the whole loaf.***
- I'm an adversary to ***sitting in the church and never reaching for more.***

***Never reaching for the gifts of the Spirit, never casting out a devil or laying hands on the sick and seeing them recover.***

- I'm an adversary to ***a form of godliness*** that denies the power thereof.
- I'm an adversary to ***a religion that can be satisfied just knowing you're saved*** while ***the rest of the world goes to hell.***
- I'm an adversary to ***self-righteous snooty nosed Christians who want to sit in the church and pass judgment*** on everybody that ***doesn't meet their standards.***

Someone might say: ***“Preacher, you’re making me mad.”*** Praise the Lord!  
I hope that before I’m finished, ***I make every one of you mad.***

**M.A.D. stands for: Motivated Against the Devil.**

***I don’t know if Hannah and Peninnah ever became friends, but I know this:***

- ***If it weren’t for her adversary, if it weren’t for Peninnah,***
- ***Hannah would have lived her entire life with a barren womb.***
- ***Blessed but barren - Favored but barren - Comfortable but barren - Graced but fruitless***

**Somebody provoked Hannah: To believe for more, to reach for more, to expect more and to produce more.**

And the Bible testifies that **Samuel**, one of ***the greatest prophets that ever*** lived, came out of Hannah’s womb **because somebody provoked her.**

***The most valuable thing in your life today are the people that push you and provoke you to become the best that you can be.***

I am not **the man of God I am today** because **my spiritual leaders and teachers** always **patted me on the head** and **agreed with everything I did** and **never corrected me or rebuked me.**

If I **disturb you** or **agitate you** or **aggravate you** it’s ***all worth it, if I motivate you.***

***I learned something a long time ago: The people who get up early to go to work appreciate the rooster who crows at daybreak.***

**But the people who are lazy and have no ambition and no goals and no dreams and no expectations, **they hate the rooster, and they want to kill him.****

Somebody here today, ***listening to my voice has been like Hannah.***

- ***You’re saved, you know God loves you, you’re favored, and you have the grace of God on your life.***

**And you’ve become comfortable, satisfied, adjusted and settled.**

- I believe today God has sent this word to stir you up,
- To wake you up, to provoke you to get up and get moving,
- To press in and contend for his presence and his power and his glory.

Let me say it this way:

***God sent me here to push you and provoke you because there's more in you.***

- In your spiritual womb are resources that have never been touched.
- There are ministries, songs, books, gifts, and talents.
- There are anointing's, dreams, and visions that are locked up in your belly
- And God is here to open your spiritual womb.
- There's something about **God that hates to see waste,**
- **God is disturbed when he sees so much potential lying dormant.**

I believe someone today realizes there's more in you.

Someone is making the decision to leave the comfortable and convenient today.

***Someone is leaving the lowlands of good enough and headed for the high places of excellence and greatness and maximum impact.***

***I'm talking to somebody today who up until now has been satisfied just knowing that your sins are washed away and that you're going to go to heaven when you die, and that is enough.***

But I believe something has started stirring in you and you are feeling something moving in your belly.

***There's a Samuel in there trying to get out, there is a prophetic anointing trying to be birthed.***

- There's an apostle stretching on the inside of you!
- That's why you've been uncomfortable,
- That's why things that used to satisfy you don't satisfy you anymore,
- And that's why you've been irritated and agitated.

**CLOSE: What I'm saying in closing today is this:**

**It was through worship that Hannah's womb was opened.**

- **It was Worship that tapped into those hidden resources.**
- **It was through worship she broke the curse of barrenness;**
- **It was through worship her womb was opened.**

**You don't even know the full potential that God has placed inside of you, but through worship we become a channel of blessing to the world.**

I believe today as we spend time **(not) praying, (not) asking, just worshiping God**

- **Some spiritual wombs are going to be opened;**
- **Some spiritual births are going to take place.**

I believe **ministries are being birthed today**.

Somebody is **giving birth to a new vision**

**As you worship: God is bringing clarity and understanding.**

- **New levels of anointing are being birthed.**
- **A new passion for souls and a burden for the lost is being birthed.**

**Just as worship opens the heavens, it also opens your spiritual womb.**

And **your spiritual womb becomes a door on this earth** through which heaven is manifested.

**Did not Jesus say that out of your belly, out of your innermost being, out of your spiritual womb would flow rivers of living water?**

**We should become a source of spiritual nourishment for other!!!**

**John 7:38 - He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly (refers to Christ) shall flow rivers of living water. (Spiritual Refreshment)**

Have faith in me, and you will have life-giving **water flowing from deep inside you, (deep spiritual transformation)** just as the Scriptures say."

**When someone believes in Jesus, they will receive the Holy Spirit in such abundance that it will flow out of them like a powerful, life-giving stream, signifying their transformed life and ability to share the Spirit with others.**