

In the Meantime of Unanswered Prayer

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1 Samuel 1-2

- Mark Batterson says, “Everyone wants a miracle but no one wants to be in a situation that necessitates one.”
 - Have you ever been in a situation that was so impossible that you had nowhere to turn to but to the Lord?
 - Describe the events that led you to depend on Him?
 - How did He resolve the situation resolved?

- Is there an unanswered prayer in your life that you have been praying for persistently?
 - How have you battled disappointment?
 - Have you noticed any false assumptions about God that have affected the quality or the persistency of your prayers?

- For many of us the missing element in our prayers is “surrender.” Our hearts still would rather have what we want rather than what God wants.
 - Sometimes our lives are so cluttered that we hear every voice but God’s. How can we unclutter our lives so that we can hear the voice of God?
 - How do you start to recognize God’s voice?
 - How do we know if God wants us to continue to pray for something or give it up?
 - If God’s will is to always glorify him, how do we do this in the meantime?

- Sometimes we are not content until God answers our prayer. How do we become like Hannah and have peace and contentment before He answers?

- Joy comes in not getting what you want but being thankful for what God has given you.
 - How would living with this perspective change the way you view unanswered prayer?
 - How do you develop this this perspective of life?