

WOMEN OF FAITH

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SERIES OVERVIEW:

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is also the God of Sarah, Rahab, Ruth, Hannah and Esther. God has left us their stories as examples for how He works in the lives of those devoted to Him. Join us for this 5-week series as we study these Women of Faith. Week 4 Pastor Brannon walked us through the story of Hannah - where we saw that influence is never found in your position before people. Influence is found in your posture before God.

MESSAGE TAKEAWAYS:

**INFLUENCE IS NEVER FOUND IN YOUR POSITION BEFORE PEOPLE.
INFLUENCE IS FOUND IN YOUR POSTURE BEFORE GOD.**

**THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT SCRIPTURE
RECORDS AND WHAT SCRIPTURE ENDORSES.**

NO HUMAN CAN DO FOR YOU WHAT ONLY GOD CAN DO FOR YOU.

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

- What is your favorite Girl Scout Cookie, and why? (We had to ask... 😊)
- The women of faith we have studied in this series, along with the men of faith throughout Scripture, imperfectly point to a perfect God. That's a beautiful tension we must all live in. Does the fact that people of faith imperfectly point to a perfect God bring you comfort or frustrate you? Why?
- We are all people with deep spiritual aches, much like Hannah, but no human can do for you what only God can do for you. What happens when we place our source of being spiritually well on the shoulders of others?

- Pastor Brannon brought up the question many ask of: “what does it take to be used by God?” Our influence to be used by God is found in our posture before Him. God, in His Sovereignty, uses everybody and Scripture, even the spots of long-listed genealogies, show us that anyone can be used by God in remarkable ways. Dialogue about how this encourages our corrects our view of ourselves or of others? How do we need to see God rightly to see ourselves and others rightly?
- Often, the pain we experience in life comes from one or more of four places:
 - Our personal sinful choices.
 - Sinful choices of others.
 - Spiritual warfare.
 - Everything is broken.
- In our pain, we cry out to God to remember us.
 - **Zahav:** Remember - God, put me in the front of Your mind.
- What does it look like to rest in the fact that God “Zahav”s you? Share some verses and encourage one another.
- Pastor Brannon walked us through a posture of being available, open-handed, and honest before the Lord. He challenged us to hold our our hands and grasp tightly, thinking of that thing which we care about and feel most entrusted with. Then he asked, “do you believe God is good?”
 - What do you need to release that you’ve been holding onto tightly in order to rest in God’s goodness?

FINAL THOUGHTS:

As we continue on this journey, we would love to help you in any way we can. If you are wondering what next steps are right for you, please reach out, and we’d love to have a conversation with you or your group about the season you are in and the places Jesus has entrusted to you as you seek to be formed by His Word.

Meet with a Pastor: <https://ncchapel.churchcenter.com/people/forms/551596>