

"A Mothers Prayer"

1 Sam 1:4-18

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Introduction: Saving Private Ryan, representing a mothers pain

Theme: Peace comes from faith that God's purpose is greater than our pain. Prayer helps us drown our pain in God's purposes.

Key Question: what does Hannah's motherly prayer teach us about how to pray in order to drown our pain in God's purposes?

1. Pour pain before God's heart (v5)
 - a. The cause of pain
 - b. The degree of pain
 - c. The privilege of prayer

2. Submit pain to God's power
 - a. Requesting a near effect (v11)
 - b. Anticipating a far effect (2:10)

3. Find Peace in God's Purposes
 - a. Trust in God's care (v 17-18)
 - b. Believe in God's Mission (v28)

Note: She finds peace despite her loss (she will lose her son) by embracing God's purpose

Conclusion: Embracing our Mission in Prayer today!