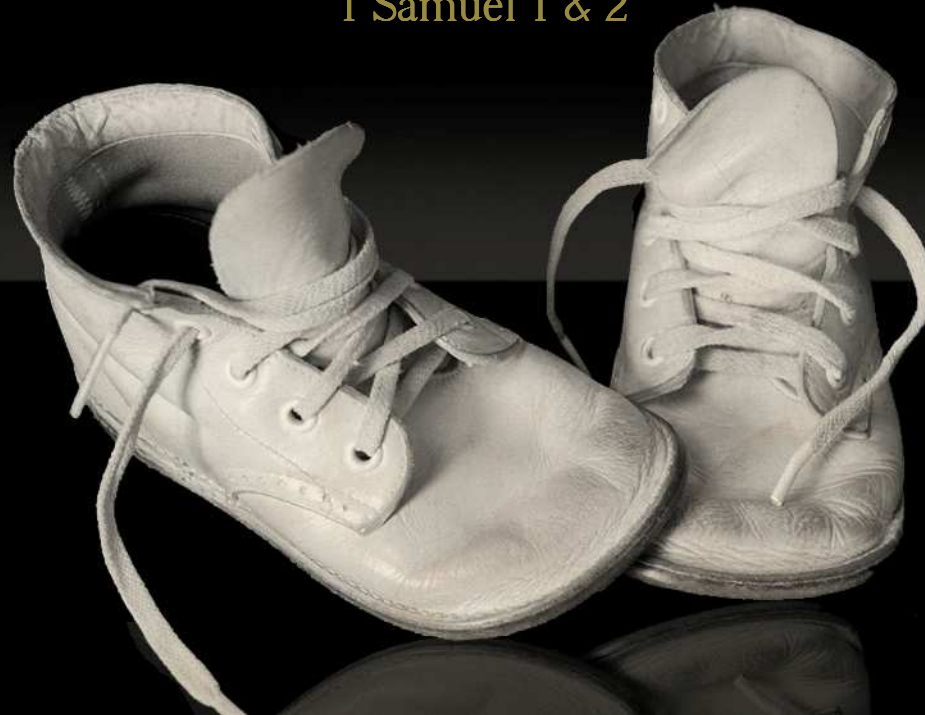


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1 Samuel 1 & 2



1 Samuel 1:26-28 (HCSB)

26 “Please, my lord,” she said, “as sure as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord.

27 I prayed for this boy, and since the Lord gave me what I asked Him for,

28 I now give the boy to the Lord. For as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.” Then he bowed and worshiped the Lord there.



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1. Children are a Gift

Hannah knew who gives children.

Hannah knew the gift needed protecting.

Hannah knew she needed help.

The problem with most parents is we forget to ask for the help.



1 Samuel 2:18-20 (HCSB)

- ¹⁸ The boy Samuel served in the Lord's presence and wore a linen ephod.**
- ¹⁹ Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice.**
- ²⁰ Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife: "May the Lord give you children by this woman in place of the one she has given to the Lord." Then they would go home.**



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2. Children are Ours to Mold

Parents what we do with our children shapes the child.

Jeremiah 18 talks of God as the potter and us as clay...as parents we have the role of potter.

Remember the clay does not mold by itself, nor does it mold easily if left alone to dry.



1 Samuel 2:26 (HCSB)

²⁶ By contrast, the boy Samuel grew in stature and in favor with the Lord and with men.



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3. Children are Influenced for Life

What our children learn, they carry all their lives.

What our children see, they remember their entire lives.

How are we influencing our children (grandchildren)?

How will they influence their children?



Why dedicate parents and child?

To lay the foundation.

Spiritually

Physically

Mentally



1 Samuel 25:1 (HCSB)

¹ Samuel died, and all Israel assembled to mourn for him, and they buried him by his home in Ramah.

All honored, because he was a Godly man...his mother gave him to the Lord as a child.



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