

GOD WORKS THROUGH ORDINARY PEOPLE

Will you allow him to work through you?

It's passionately important that none of us say, "I'm too ordinary. God could never use me." If we walk with the Lord, if we put ourselves in his hands, if we come to him then God's going to use us

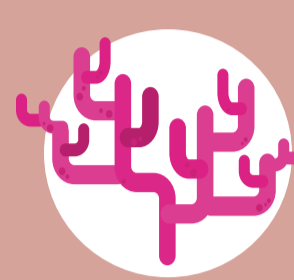
God often uses the most ordinary people in extraordinary ways so that he gets the glory.



Hannah
Her name means "grace". For a long time, she was unable to bear children, and this caused her much grief



Elkanah
Elkanah is Hannah's husband who loved Hannah deeply.



Peninnah
Her name means "coral". She frequently provoked Hannah because she had no children

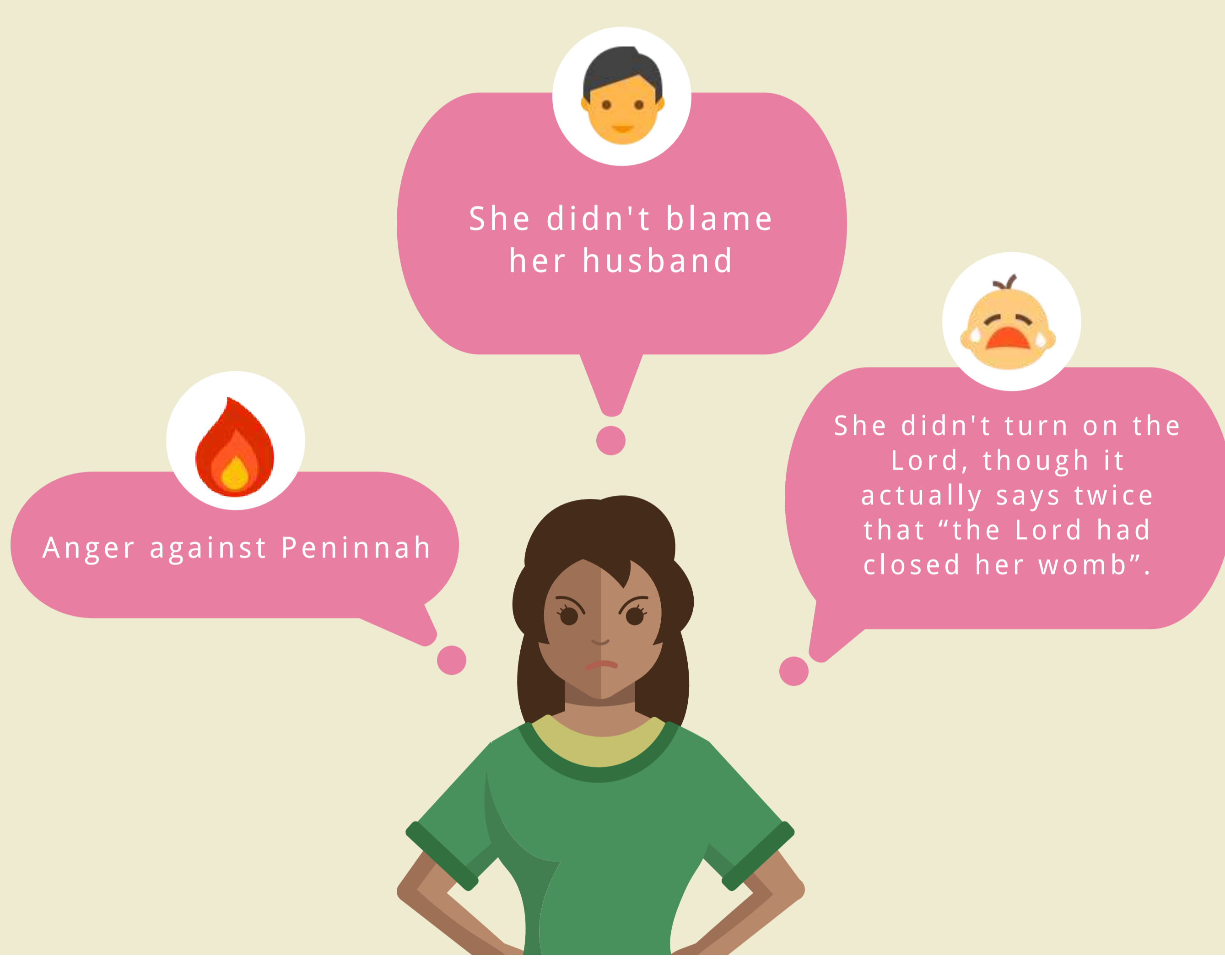
A Look at Hannah's Life

These are the people who are present in Hannah's life



Hannah didn't give way to bitterness

Despite Hannah's suffering year after year, she did not give in to anger or bitterness. She could have easily shifted the blame to other people but chose not to.



What about us?

Do we hold on to bitterness in our lives instead of holding on to God?

Three keys

Despite the difficulties that Hannah was facing in her life, she continued to persevere in faith and in knowing her destiny in God.



Keep a Relationship with God
Know that God has good things in store.



Realize the Reasons for Setbacks and Obstacles
Obstacles are put by the devil, but God can still use them for good.



Hold on to a vision
Do not let people steal your vision. Ask your friends to pray for you when times get tough

What is your vision for your life?

When you go before the Lord, is there anybody who's going to say,

'Because of you, I found Jesus.'

'Because of your love, you made that difference?'

'Because of you, when I was walking away from the Lord, I was restored.'

What do you want?

God's Blessings on Hannah's life

Through Hannah's faithfulness, here is how her life turned around.

1

Hannah had no children, and God had closed her womb

2

She eventually gave birth to Samuel and dedicated his life to the Lord

3

Samuel went on to become an important priest, appointing Saul and David as the king of Israel

4

After Samuel, Hannah conceived 3 more sons and 2 daughters

Important Questions to Ask Yourself

How does this relate to Mission work?

Hannah felt that her destiny was more than her current situation of not being able to bear children.

She knew that God wanted to do more in her life.

Similarly, it is important for us to have a sense of destiny about what God is calling us to do with our life.

Think about the following questions:

What do you want to do with your life?

What does God want with your life?

Who do you want to make a difference to?

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