

# The Kingpin Who Rocks the World

## Does God Care?

1 Sam. 1: 1- 20

*Leadership in Crises . . .*

### **The Complex Crises in Israel . . .**

- Does God care? Where is the blessing?

### **“A certain man of grand obscurity & his unfortunate domestic situation”**

- Settings, scenes and characters
  - \* v. 1- 2: Elkanah’s family & home life in Ramah
  - \* v. 3- 8: Year after year at Shiloh
    - Elkanah’s faithfulness
    - Peninnah’s taunts
    - Hannah and her suffering: where is the favour?
  - \* v. 9- 18: One day at Shiloh
    - Hannah & Eli
    - Hannah’s prayer
    - Eli’s “(in)sight”
    - Hannah’s lifted face
  - \* v. 19- 20: Back Home at Ramah
    - Worshipping the Lord
    - Remembered by the Lord
    - Samuel: “Asked of the LORD”

### **The LORD of Hosts who cares in Obscure Ways**