



## LIVING ABOVE THE CIRCUMSTANCES 1 Samuel 1&2

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Does anyone ever ask you “How are you?” and you reply, “Well, under the circumstances...” The problem is that is exactly where we *are* living—under the circumstances! How do we rise above adversity and sing a song of praise? Hannah found the secret.

### **Introduction: Holidays**

#### **I. Living Under the Circumstances. 1 Samuel 1:1-15**

- A. Living with Peninnah: not the way things ought to be.
  - 1. Rival. v. 6
  - 2. Relentless. v. 7
  - 3. Ruthless.
- B. Living with Elkanah: a loving husband, but a difficult marriage.
  - 1. Bewildered. v. 8
  - 2. Insensitive.
  - 3. Logical.
- C. Living with Hannah: struggling with herself.
  - 1. Defeated. vv. 3-7
  - 2. Bitter. v. 10
  - 3. Depressed. vv. 8, 10

#### **II. Living with the Circumstances. 1 Samuel 1:17-27**

- Living without Samuel: keeping your word and doing your part.
- A. Praying. v. 9
- B. Accepting. v. 18
- C. Relinquishing. v. 24-28

#### **III. Living Above the Circumstances. 1 Samuel 2:1-11**

- Living with God: thanking God for who He is in what He allows.
- A. I delight in the Lord. v. 1
- B. I depend on your strength. vv. 1-2
- C. I declare your great power. vv. 4-10

**Points to Ponder:** Where are you living—under, with, or above the circumstances? What has God said to your heart today? Ask Him to meet you where you are and take you to the next level of faith.