

Sermon Notes
Summer Series - The Books of Samuel
Week 1 - "A Heart In God's Will"

The **purpose** of the summer series is to help us see the **big** picture in a specific **book** and how that book fits in the **greater** story of **Scripture**.

The books of **Samuel** show us the **narrowing** of God's **salvation** work through the nation of **Israel** to the **Davidic** line.

Samuel begins in a time when people were **rejecting** God as **king** and **choosing** to live as they **saw** fit, but God was still working out **salvation**.

Week 1:

Scripture Focus: 1 **Samuel** 1:1-2:11.

v.1:1-20 - In the book of **Judges**, we ended with a **civil war** in Israel because of the people from **Ephraim**.

Hannah's life parallels **Rachel's**.

The **societal shame** Hannah felt led her to **seek God**.

The **situations** we find ourselves in are not **necessarily due** to our **sin**.

Scripture Reference: **John** 9:3.

v.1:21-2:11 - **Nothing** should **stop** us from **bringing** our **heartfelt desires** to **God**, but we have to **trust** in his **will** to either **fulfill** or **deny** our requests.

Big Picture: God **fulfills** Hannah's request for **her** sake and for the sake of his **salvation** work in Israel.

Scripture Reference: **Ruth** 4:14.

We are to be **transformed** by a **mind renewal** **through** our a **life** of **worship**, so we can have our **desires aligned** with **God's will**.

Scripture Reference: **Romans** 12:1-12.

Challenge:

Write down your heart's desire, asking God if it is a sinful desire or within his will.

Then leave the decision to grant it with God, trusting in him to work things out for his glory.