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**Make Israel Great Again**  
"The Story Of Samuel"  
1 Samuel 1

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Introduction: This morning we'll begin a new study where we will work through the book of 1 Samuel.

1. It is an important point in Israel's history.
2. God had set them up for tremendous success under the leadership of Moses and Joshua. But instead of building on that legacy, they spiraled downward in the days of the Judges.
3. It was some of the darkest moments in Israel's history, but then God began to work, and in this study, we will see God make Israel great again.
4. His first move is to raise up a leader. Samuel is one of the great leaders in Israel's history.
5. Here in chapter 1, we have the story of his birth.

I. Samuel's Family

- A. Observant
- B. Competitive
- C. Desperation

II. The Vow

- A. Hannah's Heart
- B. Hannah's Prayer

C. Eli's Blessing

III. A Leader Is Born

- A. God Remembers
- B. Hannah Remembers
- C. The Stage Is Set

Conclusion: When you survey Israel's history, leadership is critical.

1. Good leaders and good outcomes go together, but the opposite is also true.
2. Israel was great under Moses and Joshua.
3. Israel suffered in the days of the Judges.
4. Samuel will change that. Better days are just ahead.
5. But look at how that change started:
  - Bitter Despair
  - A Desperate Plea
  - Amazing Grace
6. If you are feeling like Hannah these days, don't lose hope. God is in control and does some of His best work in the hardest moments of our lives.