

## Cell Notes 29 January 2012 (read in conjunction with 22 January)

### PRAYERS THAT MOVE GOD AND BRING CHANGE 2

Talk same as last week (!) with the following added material:

- Grass roots united prayer movement in Trowbridge is happening!
  - Daily Prayer Stations (Eunja Palmen); Menunited; towards 24/7 prayer..?
  - Day of Prayer, 11 February HT 9am – 5pm, Youth 5pm, Service 7pm
  - Not so much about set times/meetings... unplanned/without warning
  - We will find ourselves praying like Hannah at odd times of day/night
  - Short, intense, extreme straight-from-the-heart, Hannah-type praying
  - Anyone watching/listening might think we're drunk/mad!
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- Two things that usually work against faith, began to work for Hannah:
  - **1) Pain of lack** and unfulfilled longing (hope deferred...)
  - e.g. lack of child, partner, health, fruit, conversions, miracles, revival
  - Rather than depression/passivity, propels her into new level of prayer
  - My recent experience: frustration at own limitations/shortcomings...
  - 2 Chronicles 33:10-13 (my reading this morning). Manassah fulfils 7:14!
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- **2) Provocation.** Peninnah, Hannah's rival rubbed it in (like Eastenders!)
  - Suddenly something snapped; didn't slug her (like Downton Xmas!)
  - Provoked her to pray on a new level; could no longer tolerate situation
  - e.g. society that thinks we're sad/deluded to expect God to come through
  - Constant politically correct atheism of media... or making fun of God
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- A new kind of prayer is going to come over us (Hannah style)
  - Last week many stood asking for that – has it happened?
  - Ask God to release it again this morning and on Day of Prayer for Trowbridge
  - Impetus to united prayer movement in the town and nation
  - Confirmation: saw name of athlete '**Hannah England**' in Radio Times while praying about these things!

#### Discussion Questions:

- 1) Have you had any 'Hannah prayer' experiences since last week's service?
- 2) What were the **Pain** and **Provocation** that propelled Hannah to a new level of prayer? What might they be in our experience?
- 3) Why was coming to pray at the 'empty throne' a powerful experience? How does this relate to 2 Chronicles 7:14 (and 33:10-13) and Hebrew 4:16?