



What is the historical setting?

- End of the era of Judges
- Spiritually dark time
- Leadership is thin/non-existent

Who do we see in these passages?

Elkanah – Faithful worshiper

Hannah – Barren and beloved wife

Peninnah – Instigator

Eli – Priest who seems spiritually dull

Samuel – Long awaited child dedicated to the Lord

Hannah:

- Walked with God in her pain.



God invites lament:

“Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.”

- Ps 62:8

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” -Ps 34:18

The background is a dark, monochromatic illustration of a stone building. It features a prominent gabled roof with a central peak. The walls are composed of irregular, textured stone blocks. Two rectangular windows are visible, one on the left and one on the right, each with a simple frame and multiple panes. The overall style is minimalist and architectural, using white lines and shapes on a dark grey background.

Hannah:

- Walked with God in her pain.

- Prayed to God in her anguish.

Vows are serious:

“When a man makes a vow to the Lord or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.”

- Numbers 30:2

“But if you refrain from making a vow, you will not be guilty. Whatever your lips utter you must be sure to do, because you made your vow freely to the Lord your God with your own mouth.”

- Deut 22:22-23



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- Surrenders in her joy.

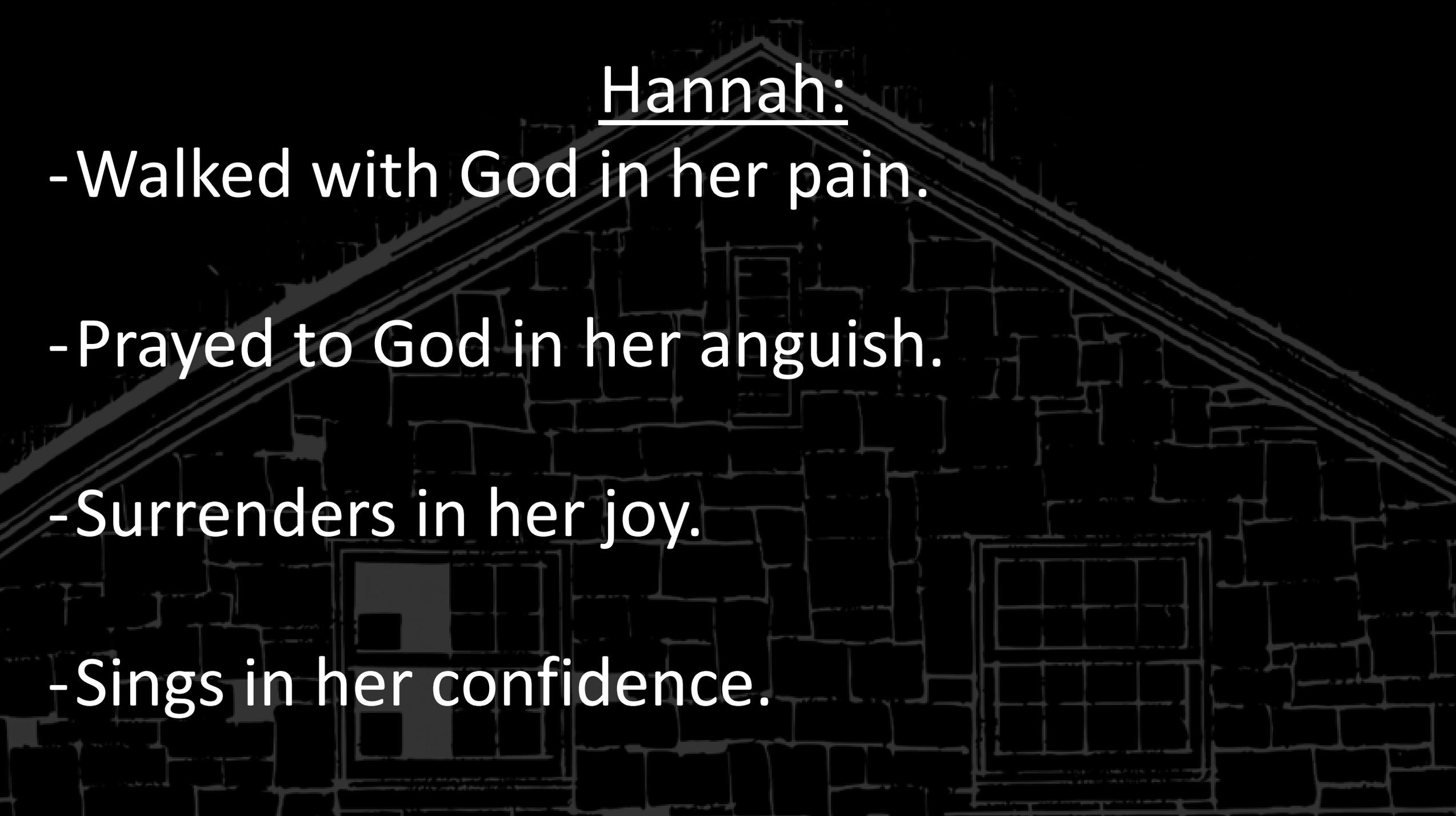
The Lord remembers:

“But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.”

- Genesis 8:1

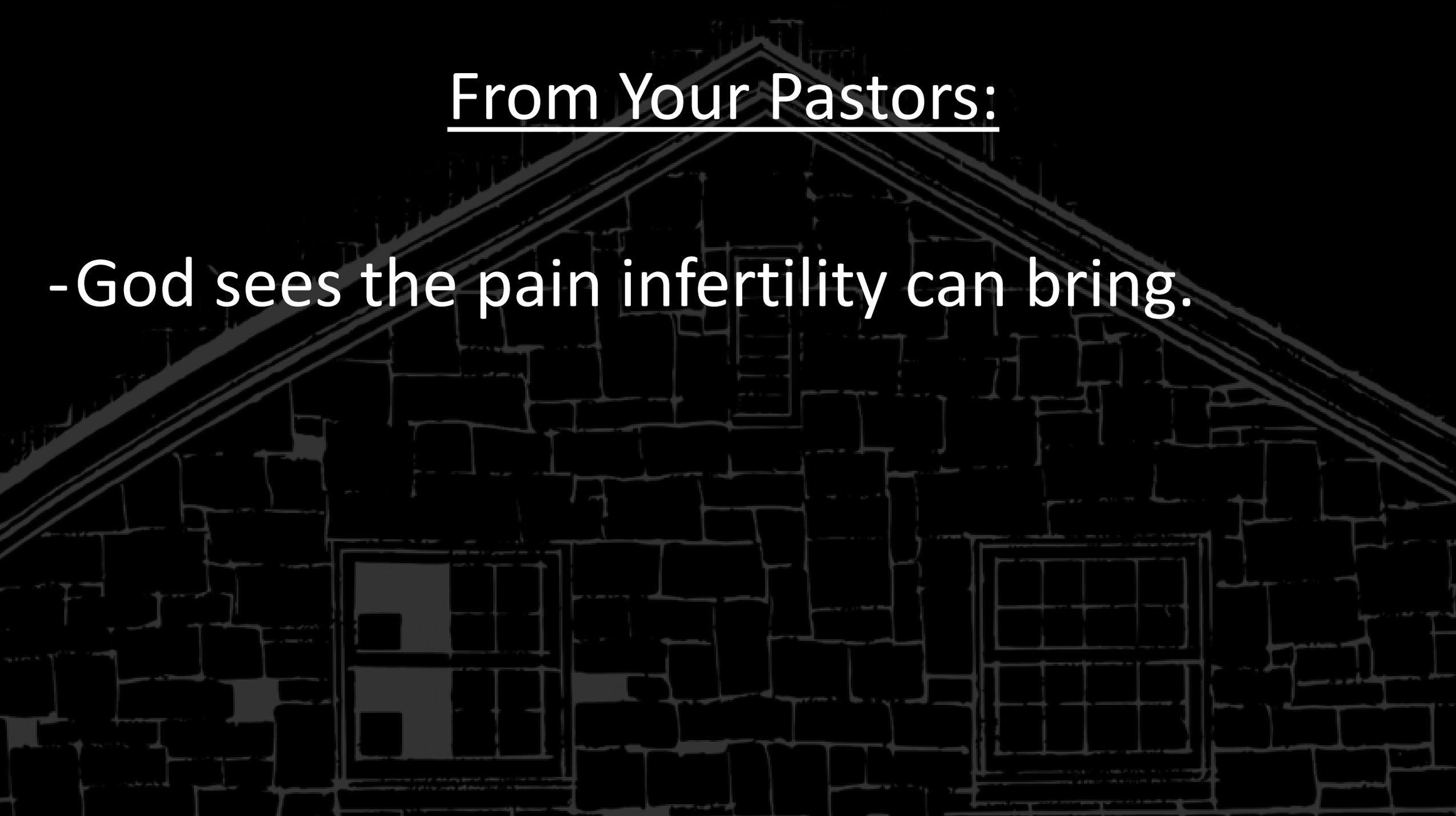
“God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob.”

- Exodus 2:24



Hannah:

- Walked with God in her pain.
- Prayed to God in her anguish.
- Surrenders in her joy.
- Sings in her confidence.

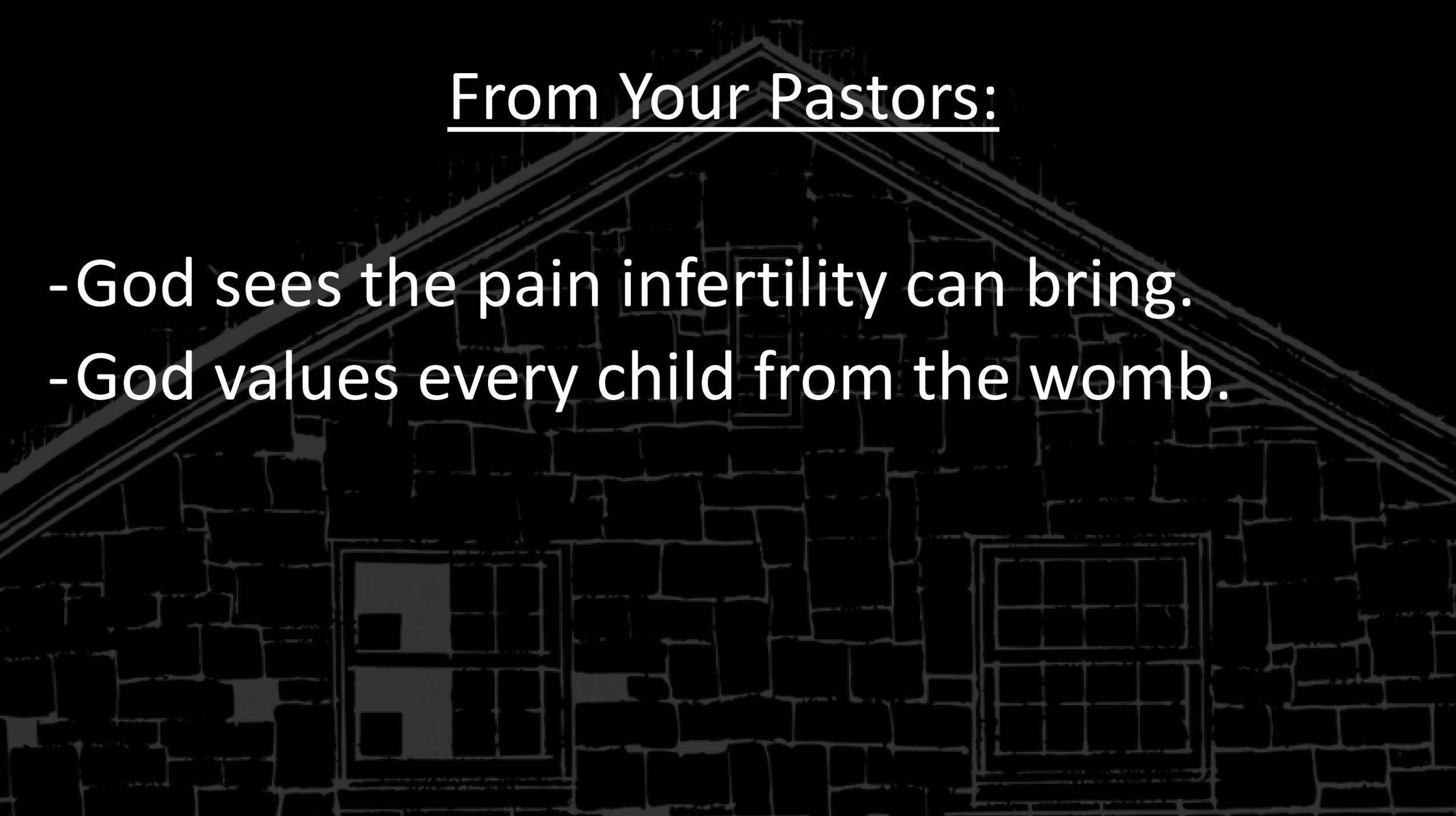
A dark, stylized illustration of a stone building with a gabled roof and two windows. The building is rendered in shades of gray and black, with a textured, blocky appearance. The roof is a simple triangle, and the walls are composed of irregular rectangular blocks. Two windows are visible: one on the left and one on the right, both with multiple panes. The overall style is minimalist and graphic.

From Your Pastors:

-God sees the pain infertility can bring.

All creation groans:

“We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. - Romans 8:22-23



From Your Pastors:

- God sees the pain infertility can bring.
- God values every child from the womb.

God forms life in the womb:

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” - Psalm 139:13-14

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” - Jeremiah 1:5

From Your Pastors:

- God sees the pain infertility can bring.
- God values every child from the womb.
- God calls us to look after the orphans.

Earthly adoption is a picture of Spiritual adoption:

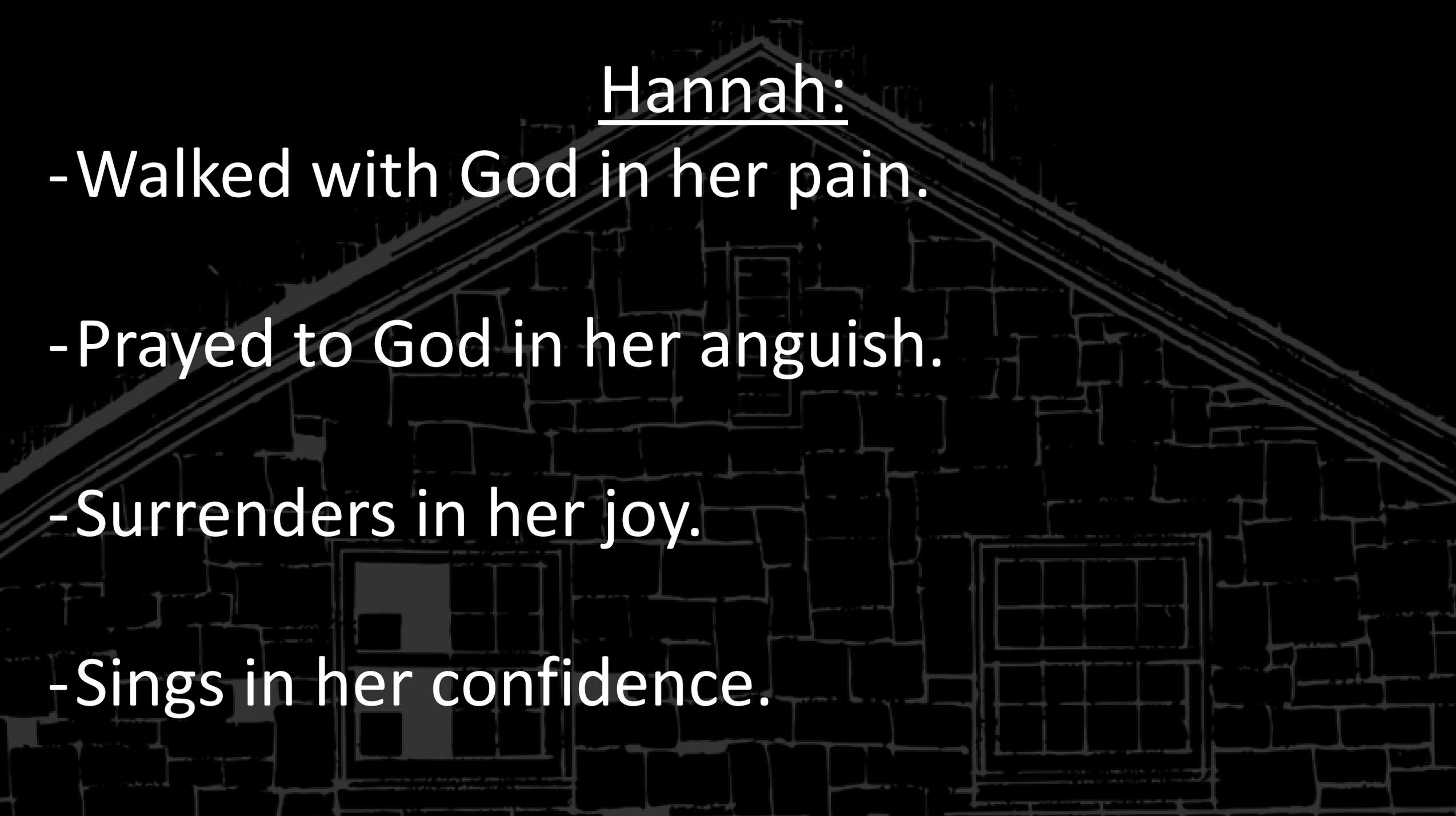
“But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘Abba, Father.’ So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.”

- Galatians 4:4-7

Earthly Adoption is a Picture of Spiritual Adoption:

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

- James 1:27



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Questions to ponder:

- Will you surrender your sorrow at His feet?
- Will you entrust your longings, your children, your future into the hands of the One who never forgets?
- Will you walk with God, even when the way is quiet, slow, and unseen?