**Compelled: Ordinary People, Extraordinary God** July 23, 2025 Chapter 1

Matthew 5:23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; 24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

## **Getting Started**

1. How significant is maintaining a forgiving spirit to having a growing relationship with Christ? Who is our prototype or example of what it means to forgive? (Eph. 4:32)

## **Chapter Content**

- 2. What about Hannah's story struck you as unusually difficult?
- 3. What Scripture was texted to Hannah twice during her trial? What foreshadowing was found within that verse with regarding to Hannah's story? (8-9)
- 4. We've all faced times when God seems distant or unconcerned. What must we believe as Christians when our story turns sour? (13)

5. Name some ways God made his presence known to Hannah in the prison cell.

- 6. What was Hannah's chief struggle with as she sought to grow in Christ while in prison? What did God do as a result of her obedience with regard to His promptings (p. 20-21)
- 7. Name some ways God turned her tragedy around for good. What can we learn about God and his ways from her testimony?

8. Though not the main part of the story, Larry's commitment to his wife during her incarceration is remarkable. What kinds of things do you think sustained Larry as he carried the weight of doing home alone? What might we learn about our own commitments to marriage when we face unexpected difficulty?

9. Other insights?