

## ***Shattered Mom's Club***

### Session Five

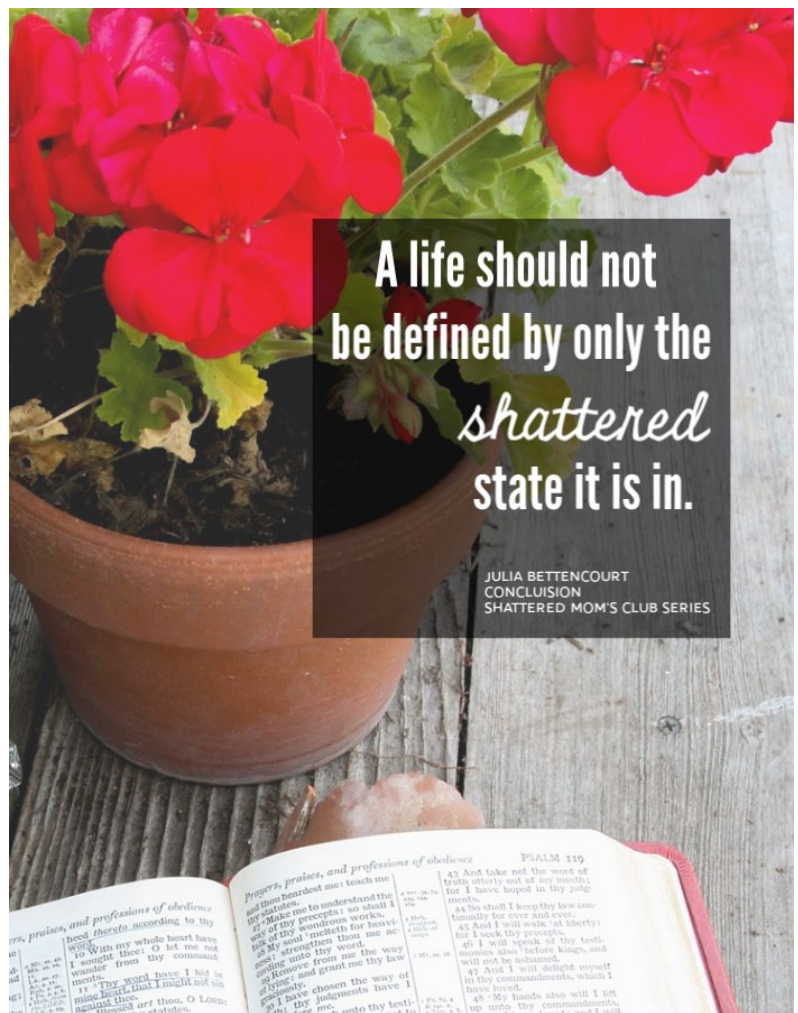
## **Conclusion**

We are coming to the end of our discussion on some shattered moms in the Bible. We have looked at three different women and their circumstances in life. They each had some heartaches to bear. They each had a shattered life in some way.

There were many mothers of the Bible that were on the *Shattered Mom's Club* Roster, but these were the three that we covered.

- Job's Wife
- Hannah
- Naomi

I've chose these three women because I felt like each were in a different circumstance. Job's wife lost her children, but other things were piled on top of it because of the connection to her husband. Hannah went through infertility like so many women trying to start a family do. Naomi was a widow and had lost her husband and her sons.



## **Job's Wife was too close to the fire.**

To recap a little about Job's wife, she was married to the most persecuted man in the Bible. God had allowed Satan to do whatever he wanted to Job except take his life. And take everything except Job's life was what Satan did. He took his wealth, health, and all his children.

We saw in our look at Job's wife's life that Job did not suffer all these losses alone. Job's wife went through the loss of ten children in one day. She went through the loss of all the family wealth gone in one day. Then we see her having to deal with a husband who was struggling with his health by way of those boils Satan covered Job with.

### **Learning from this shattered mom:**

The biggest takeaway that I got from taking a deeper look at Job's wife is that we never know what pain another person may be going through. We never know how shattered their heart may be. We might not see the connection on the surface that they may have with a spouse or children that are in the heat of the fire.

That's one of the reasons we have to just keep on loving people like Jesus said to do. When life meets pain it is a heavy burden to bear. We just never know what someone is carrying around with them in their heart.

## **Hannah was lost in longing.**

We looked at how Hannah was lost in longing for a child. She wanted more than anything to bear a son to her husband, Elkanah. Hannah was in that unique circumstance of having to share her husband with another wife, Peninnah, who we saw could bear children and also Peninnah provoked Hannah. Peninnah was that thorn in Hannah's side.

We saw how Hannah prayed to God for a child. We also saw how she made a vow to God that if He gave her that son that she would give him back to be raised as a Nazarite. God blessed her with that child and Hannah did as she promised and gave

her son, Samuel, over to the priest to be raised. We saw Hannah's longing realized.

### **Learning from this shattered mom:**

The thing I see that stands out for me the most through Hannah's life is that although she was shattered with all the torment that her husband's other wife, Peninnah, put her through, and the fact that she was infertile, this woman knew where to take her problems. She knew how to take her wants and longings to the Lord in prayer. Hannah didn't allow the moment of the hurt to keep her from taking the petitions of her heart to God in prayer.

Hannah also had a thankful heart and knew how much God was worthy of praise. We saw this through how she rejoiced and praised God for giving her a son.

### **Naomi was empty and alone.**

Naomi was the widow in our study who went through a famine and made a move with her husband and sons to another country in order to survive. She went through the shattering of losing not only her husband, but also her two sons. Naomi was left alone and penniless which led her to the decision to return to her homeland after she heard the famine was over.

We saw how Ruth, Naomi's daughter-in-law, returned with her to her homeland and how God worked through that whole situation to eventually give Naomi a grandchild. That grandchild led to the line of Jesus. God worked through Naomi's life to carry out His plan.

### **Learning from this shattered mom:**

What I find most interesting about Naomi's is that she felt like she was useless, but we know through her story that her life mattered. She was a widow and had suffered the loss of her two sons. She was on empty and alone. We saw when we studied her that she told the people to call her "Mara" which meant *bitterness*.

We know by reading through the book of Ruth that Naomi's life was entangled with her daughter-in-law Ruth. It was entangled with her kinsmen, Boaz, who eventually married Ruth. Boaz and Ruth had a son whose blood line eventually led to Jesus. This shows me that God can use us for His glory, even when we feel like we are on empty. When we feel shattered, tired, and ready to give up, God can still use us and He is in control of the big plan.

## **Just because you may be part of the *Shattered Mom's Club* doesn't mean that is all your life should be about.**

We've seen by taking a peek at the stories of these three women, Job's wife, Hannah, and Naomi, that life can get tough. Life can shatter all around you. Life can leave you low. It can leave you homeless, childless, alone, and penniless. The thing is that there can be more to life than just the shattering.

I think when we are in that position when all seems lost that we can't stay there. We can't always live in the hurt or it is going to play with our minds. It is going to affect our health. It is going to affect our relationship with the Lord. It is going to affect our relationships with those around us.

I love reading about these shattered moms and seeing how their stories unfold in the Bible. I'm even glad that if you are a shattered mom that you can relate to them. I hope that you can connect and learn something from their lives. I trust this study has helped you in your journey by focusing in on the situations these women went through. I do hope though, that you won't *only* identify with the pain, suffering, and shattering of these moms, but you will also see the working hand of God not only in their lives but your own.

I pray that you will reach out to the strong and loving God like Hannah did and take your grieving heart to the Lord. The world is a rough place as we have seen in these women's stories. We have to learn to rest in the God of all comfort. We have to learn to rest in His peace.

Is it easy to do that? The emphatic answer is *no!* When we go through things like infertility, the loss of children, the loss of a husband, there is sometimes nothing

that is going to console us. Sometimes prayer or reading the Bible won't console you the first time or sometimes the hundredth time. But please don't stop trying. Dig into God's Word and allow it to change your thinking.

Don't stop forging ahead to find your joy again. Don't give up. Don't be stuck in the shattering. Christ came and died for you. Don't forget that. Make your life count for something. Move forward. Don't continually live in the pain and the shattering or it will devour you. It will turn your heart to bitterness. It will engulf you.

We get in this mindset that nothing is going to change so we don't want to change either. Our thinking gets off, but look what it says in Ephesians.

*“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,” Ephesians 3:20*

There is nothing wrong with being part of the *Shattered Mom's Club*, but please don't make that shattering your only existence. The Lord wants more for you.

*“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” John 10:10*

A life should not only be defined by the shattered state it is in. There is more out there. Go out and live that vibrant life that is waiting for you!