

# OCT 28

MONDAY | ORDINARY TIME

“Stop acting so proud and haughty! Don’t speak with such arrogance! For the Lord is a God who knows what you have done; he will judge your actions.” 1 Samuel 2:3 NLT

## [lectio] // 1 SAMUEL 2:1-10

I don’t know if this word was for Eli specifically, but it sounds like it was directed at him. In fact, this whole prayer/proclamation is profound coming from a woman who struggled with low self image and had not been able to be pregnant. She comes to a radical conclusion - who knows why a God does what he does, he’s God! It’s not a list of fairness, it’s a list of God’s order and ultimate control for what is good and right. “Those who were well fed are now starving, and those who were starving are now full. The childless woman now has seven children, and the woman with many children wastes away. The Lord gives both death and life; he brings some down to the grave but raises others up. The Lord makes some poor and others rich; he brings some down and lifts others up. He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump. He sets them among princes, placing them in seats of honor. For all the earth is the Lord’s, and he has set the world in order.” But she ends it with this tremendous crescendo of wisdom - this ALL belongs to God and HE has set the world in order. There is safety and even comfort in chaos knowing that God is always right, true and just.

## [oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

It would be improper for me to say, “you have MY best interest in mind.” You have the entire world in mind and are always working to bring about your great plans. My life, my story is just one tiny fraction of that plan - but I still want in it. I want the wisdom of this powerless woman who gave birth to an amazing prophet and leader in Israel. Yes, Samuel had his issues just like everyone else. But Hannah was able to play a major role in faithfulness and sacrifice. May that be my story as well.

## [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root