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CONSECRATION SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE

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To consecrate something means to devote something exclusively to a particular purpose. In I Samuel 1 we read that Hannah makes a vow to God. If God will grant her a son, she will consecrate him as a nazirite.

A nazirite in Biblical Hebrew means, “dedicated” or “consecrated” persons who enter a holy state upon their own or a parent’s vow. The conditions for entering and remaining a nazirite were never to drink from the fruit of the vine or other intoxicants, never to allow a razor to touch one’s hair, and not to go near a dead body. The vow to be a nazirite might extend for a lifetime or could only last for a term, after which the person would no longer be bound to these conditions.

Samuel, the child born to Hannah, must be presumed to be a nazirite because of his mother’s vow. Joseph, the son of Jacob, and later Samson were nazirites.

What we will do this Sunday is make our own vow or dedication of our commitment cards or pledges for the coming year. We do so in light of an awareness of God’s blessings and in anticipation of the work Westminster and Palma Sola will do over the coming year. I am happy to report that pledges for 2022 already received indicate a willingness to dedicate more. Early results show a 16% increase in pledged amounts.

Please continue to pray about your own financial commitment for 2022. Complete your pledge card and bring it with you to worship Sunday.

Blessings,
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