Baggage Claim
Most Relationships Don’t Suffer From Lack of Love, but Lack of Loving Skills

...for (Elkanah) loved Hannah, although the LORD had closed her womb.

1 Samuel 1:5
We Bring Baggage Into Our Relationships

Now there was a certain man...and his name was Elkanah... And he had two wives: the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

1 Samuel 1:1-2
This man went up from his city yearly to worship and sacrifice to the LORD... And whenever the time came for Elkanah to make an offering, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although the LORD had closed her womb. And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable...

1 Samuel 1:3-6
...because the LORD had closed her womb. So it was, year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, that she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat.

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1 Samuel 1:6-7
Comfort Uses Questions to Explore Sadness, Not Eliminate Sadness

Then Elkanah her husband said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? And why is your heart grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?”

1 Samuel 1:8
Comfort Is Not Praying Your Way Out of Things You Can’t Mourn Your Way Through

4 And whenever the time came for Elkanah to make an offering, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. 5 But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although the Lord had closed her womb

1 Sam 1:4-5
Comfort Is Not Accusations or Advice

And it happened, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli watched her mouth. Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!”

1 Samuel 1:12-14
But to Hannah he would give a **double portion**, for he loved Hannah, although the **LORD** had closed her womb. NKJV

...But unto Hannah he gave a **worthy** portion... KJV

...he would give her **only one choice** portion... NLT

1 Sam 1:5
Get A Clue

CRACKING THE CASE IN THE RELATIONSHIP GAME

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