

Thursday – Salome, a mother on a mission

Read Matthew 20:20-28, Mark 15:40-41. Salome was the sister of Mary, the wife of Zebedee and the mother of James and John. What is Salome up to in the Matthew passage? Why do you think she would want these positions in the kingdom for her sons? Can you blame her? Of course, any mother wants her child to have a bright future and have their dreams come true. What do you notice about those who are at the foot of the cross as Jesus is dying in the Mark passage? Salome was a godly mother who raised two sons who have taken the message of Christ and been part of changing the world. May all of us be as faithful as this mother was in pursuing Christ.

Friday – Eunice, a mother of the word

Read 2 Timothy 1:3-7; 3:10-17. In 2 Timothy 1, what does Paul communicate to Timothy about the legacy he now walks in? What kind of faith did Timothy's mother have? What does Paul want him to understand at the end of the passage that his mother understood? In 2 Timothy 3, what did Eunice do specifically for her son related to God's word? Timothy's mother Eunice was a mother on fire in her faith, who loved God's word and passed it on to her son. Timothy became a pillar of the early church because of his mom's training. May all of us take personal responsibility to see to it that our kids hear us speaking God's word to them and that they see us reading it and living it out in our own lives.

Mother Day! Words for Moms Selected Scripture

"Give me a generation of Christian mothers, and I will undertake to change the whole face of society." Lord Shaftesbury

But as for you, continue in what you have believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:14-15

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deuteronomy 6:6-7

But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. Luke 2:46-49

And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life. 1 Samuel 1:11

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Conclusion
"Words" in a real Mother's Life!

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...and he opened to us the Scriptures (Luke 24:32)

A study in *Ladies Home Journal* indicated that 85% of mothers saw that motherhood is the best thing that ever happened to them. The same study also indicated that 70% of these mothers consider motherhood incredibly stressful. There is certainly a deep tension between the glory of motherhood and its daily challenges. This week we are going to study some famous mothers who raised some extraordinary children. Let's see what we all can learn from God's word that might shape our faith and bless those around us. I wish a belated Happy Mother's Day to all you moms and God's richest blessing to you!

Monday – Like a nursing mother

Read I Thessalonians 2:1-8. What is the spirit of what Paul is sharing with these believers? What is he saying about his desire for them in verse 5? Why would Paul use the metaphor of a nursing mother to describe his treatment of them? Paul is describing his leadership style to them as that of a parent, that of a mom. Like a mom, he didn't simply tell them what they wanted to hear or seek to profit from them. He was gentle with them like a nursing mother seeking to lead them because of his devotion to them. This is a great picture of our Father's approach with us and one that we see in living color from Moms.

Tuesday – Hannah, a mother who poured out her heart

Read I Samuel 1:2-11. First of all, I know that was a lot of reading so let me say, way to go! What do you observe about Hannah and her situation? Why do you think the Lord closed her womb? What were Hannah's plans for her son, should the Lord provide one for her? There are two things that I particularly love about this story. First, Hannah offered a desire before the Lord that her son would serve God all his life. Is that your primary desire for your child as you pray for them, that they would serve the Lord all their days? The second thing I love is that in her heartache, Hannah "poured out her soul before the Lord" in prayer. What an example! And we see how the story ends. May we pray with boldness and passion that our kids would serve Jesus and teach them to cry out to God.

Wednesday – Mary, the mother of all mothers

Read Luke 2:41-52; Matthew 12:46-50; John 19:25-27. Take a minute and imagine the roller coaster this mother was on raising and loving her son Jesus. What is happening in the Luke passage? What do we learn about Jesus in this passage? What do we learn about Joseph and Mary? What would it have been like for Mary to hear her son say what he says in Matthew 12:48? As we see her navigate these complex seasons in her life as a mother, it was imperative for her to see God in all things. Her Magnificat in Luke 2 is more than just her prayer, it was be her foundation as the mother of the Lord. Read Luke 2:46-55 (the Magnificat) and pray this prayer along with Mary that it might strengthen you to do God's will when it doesn't seem to make sense.