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"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."-Ecclesiastes 12:13



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SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

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A Woman and Her Son

By Phil McIntosh

Who knows what potential might exist for each pregnancy? While a baby is growing in the womb there are a variety of conversations that take place. Is it going to be a boy or a girl? Is it going to be healthy? What color should we paint the room? Are we ready for this? What will we name it? And on and on the line of baby curiosities go. How many have been inquisitive as to whether their child would be destined for something great? Maybe the child would break some Olympic record, be a Teacher of the Year, a lifelong police officer, or even a future President of the United States of America. What if the child that was being carried was destined for, literally, a world changing life? That is what it is believed that many Jewish women kept in their thoughts. I have read the suggestion that Jewish women thought their next child could be the great Prophet and Messiah the Old Testament prophesied about. You might see people with a bumper sticker about their "Straight A/Honor Roll" kid, but nothing could measure up to carrying and helping provide the Son of God a home to grow.

Interestingly, the woman whom God chose to bear His Son would have had no time to wonder about who her baby would become. She was a virgin and still unmarried at the time this thought passed through her mind; and even then, it was not because of some random Jewish hope, but rather by a special announcement from God!

"And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"²⁹ But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." - Luke 1:28-33

This humble virgin, Mary, with a modest beginning and a simple life, was blessed by God and entrusted with the birth that would animate the perfection and activation of God's plan of redemption for all of mankind. What a grand responsibility to be granted the honor to play such an integral role in the life of the Lord. Surely Mary was overwhelmed with this gift from God! While we cannot be sure the full range of emotions experienced by Mary, we do know she was curious and dwelled on the things she heard and saw. Luke writes that, upon the events of Jesus' birth and the visit by the shepherds, that she "pondered them in her heart" (Lk. 2:19).

Have you ever given any thought to what Mary might think was normal or abnormal in Jesus' childhood? She had never had a child before. What was going to stand out as special; what would set His formative years and adolescence apart from others? There was one occurrence, when Jesus was twelve years old, that likely scared His earthly parents quite out of their wits. Luke tells us (Lk. 2:41-50) about a time the family traveled to Jerusalem and Jesus "lingered" in the temple, talking with the spiritual leaders there. He amazed them with His wisdom and knowledge. Joseph and Mary had left the bustling metropolis of Jerusalem without checking for Jesus and they had traveled a day's journey out of town before they realized they had lost the Lord! The Bible tells us that, after they had come back and gathered Him into their company again, that Jesus agreeably followed them and was obedient to His parents (not surprising at all, since He lived all His life without sin- Heb. 4:15).

Mary was a believer in her Son. She had pondered for 30 years who He was going to be, and I can only imagine she was bursting with pride at the Son of God whom she had been given the privilege to protect and nurture. John writes (Jn. 2:1-2) that Mary came to Jesus during a marriage feast in Cana and apprised Him of a need wherein He could act. Jesus told her, in essence, that His Heavenly Father was in charge of the time in which He would reveal Himself to the world by His statement that His "hour" had "not yet come" (2:4). Mary then went to the servants and directed them to listen to any instruction Jesus would give them (2:5). Mary believed in her Son and was with Him from birth until even after He left the world (Acts 1:14).

The relationship of Jesus and Mary is unique, clearly. No other mother-child relationship could ever approach the significance of the poor virgin Mary giving birth to the Savior of all mankind and guiding Him into adulthood. However, there are some profound human elements to their relationship from which we can learn. The greatest of this, in honor of Mother's Day, is Jesus' actions on the cross. In the night preceding His crucifixion, Jesus had been arrested and treated with contempt. The day which dawned next brought only more pain, stress, torture, insult, and agony. Jesus was mocked by Roman soldiers and Herod, then again by the Jewish leaders who taunted Him as He hung on the cross. And yet, for all the blood He had lost and all the pain He had endured, Jesus had others on His mind. After He was placed on the cross the Bible says He looked at His mother. He said,

"Woman, behold your son!"²⁷ Then He said to the disciple "Behold your mother!" - John 19:26b-27a

Even in indescribably agony, whilst bearing the burden of the sins of the world on His shoulders, Jesus loved His mother and did what He could to ensure her safety and care. Let us all, as we have opportunity, seek to provide our mothers with respect, honor, and care. Let us follow the example of the Lord and treat our God-given mothers with compassion.

Mothers: God's Superwoman

By Antoine N. Holloway

Mom: God's Superwoman

Ephesians 6:2-3 -- Honor (esteem and value as precious) your father and your mother – this is the first commandment with promise that all may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth.

In 1988, Karyn White came out with a hit single, entitled "Superwoman." This song became the anthem of every woman, who has done all humanly possible to be a good wife to their husbands, yet their love, commitment, and work went unnoticed and unappreciated by the men they loved.

Karyn begins the song with verse 1 explaining what she does daily for her husband in the morning, only to be ignored. She points out his responses and his attitude, while at the same time identifying her feelings about the situation. It is in the chorus Karyn explains to her husband she is not a superwoman. She is not the kind of girl he can let down and think everything is okay. She is only human. Hear Karyn:

Early in the morning I put breakfast at your table and make sure that your coffee has its sugar and cream.

Your eggs are over easy; your toast done lightly. All that's missing is your morning kiss that used to greet me.

Now you say the juice is sour, but it used to be so sweet. I can't help but to wonder if you're talking about me.

We don't talk the way we used to talk. It's hurting so deep. I've got my pride. I will not cry, but it's making me weak.

No woman should ever have to go through this emotional and psychological abuse. Love in the marital relationship still needs its daily bread. Unfortunately, many men have taken their wives for granted and are shocked when they come home one day to find she is no longer a resident there. What about mothers? Mothers are not to be taken for granted either. However, the role of a woman being a mother is quite different than her role as a wife. As a wife, she enters into a covenant with a man who professes his love in return by providing for her and protecting her. As a mother, she carries a child inside her for approximately 40 weeks and gives birth through a painful process. As a mother, she is up all hours of the day and night feeding, rocking, and changing the child every time he or she cries. As a mother, she goes without so her children can have by feeding them daily, clothing them daily, bathing them daily, teaching them daily, protecting them daily, training them daily, and loving them daily. As a mother, she does all of these things for a child who did not ask to be here in hopes that one day her child will remember and appreciate all she has done for them by loving her and respecting her in return. For this reason, the Bible instructs us to honor, esteem, and value our mothers for this is just and right.

When God created mothers, He broke the mold. With all her responsibilities and her unconditional love, a mother cannot succeed by being anything less than "super." Therefore, mothers have a new anthem. Alicia Keys writes, "I'm a superwoman. Yes, I am. Still when I'm a mess, I still put on my vest with an "S" on my chest. Oh, yes, I'm a superwoman." Mothers have many responsibilities they must fulfill, but one of these requirements is not to be a slave to another human being.

What Makes Mothers Superwomen Before God?

What makes a mother super is her strength. God has chosen the woman to be the vessel by which the earth is populated (**Genesis 3:16** and **1 Timothy 2:15**). Childbirth is not a curse, but rather an honor because this divine privilege could have easily been passed on to the man (**Genesis 2:21-22**). Then I read **Titus 2:3-5**, the Bible teaches a woman is to be reverent and devout. She is not to be a slanderer or social drinker. She is to be a teacher of what is right and noble and give good counsel. She is to wisely train other women to love their husbands, be sane, and sober minded. She is to be self-controlled, chaste, a homemaker (she makes the home), good natured, and kind-hearted. In order for her to fulfill such responsibilities, she would have to be extraordinary.

What makes a mother super is not only her strength, but her love. When all others forsake you, you can know your mother will stand by your side (**Proverbs 4:3**). This is true love, for love endures long, is patient, and kind. Love is never envious, nor boils over with jealousy. Love is not boastful or vainglorious. Love does not display itself haughtily. Love is not conceited, arrogant, nor inflated with pride. Love is not rude, unmannerly, and does not act unbecomingly. Love does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking. Love is not touchy, fretful, or resentful. Love takes no account of the evil done, for love pays no attention to a suffered wrong. Love does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes. Love is ever ready to believe the best of every person. Love's hopes are fadeless under all circumstances. Love endures everything without weakening. Love never fails, never fades out, never becomes obsolete, and never comes to an end (**1 Corinthians 13:4-8**). In **1 Kings 3:16-28**, a mother was willing to have her child taken from her, if it meant saving her baby's life. Even Mary, the Lord's mother, never left her son's side during His death on Calvary's cross (**John 19:25-27**).

What makes a mother super is not only her strength and love, but also her faith. A mother's faith will rub off on her children (**2 Timothy 1:5**). A mother's faith through prayer can even restore the health of her child (**Matthew 15:22-28**). We cannot underestimate the power of faith and prayer. As the song goes, "My mother prayed for me. She had me on her mind. She took the time and prayed for me. I'm so glad she prayed. I'm so glad she prayed. I'm so glad she prayed for me!!!"

Why Are We To Honor Mothers?

We are to honor mothers because of their strength, love, and faith. We are to honor mothers because God made them (**Psalms 139:14**). Therefore, they are special to the Lord. We are to honor mothers because God demands mothers be honored and respected (**Ephesians 6:2-3**). Thus, proving she is worthy to be honored by her children, her spouse, and humanity. We are to honor mothers because God punishes those who refuse or do not give the proper admiration to mothers (**Matthew 15:4**). We are to honor mothers because we will live long, prosperous lives right here on earth if we do (**Exodus 20:12** and **Deuteronomy 5:16**).

LOVE YOUR MOTHER, NOT ONLY ON THIS MOTHER'S DAY, BUT EVERY DAY!!!

*God made a wonderful mother; a mother who never grows old.
He made her smile of the sunshine and molded her heart of pure gold.
In her eyes, He placed bright shining stars. In her cheeks, fair roses you see.
God made a wonderful mother; and He gave that dear mother to me.*

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Join us at the Youth Devotional on May 15th, at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. Please bring hotdogs & fixins', potato salad, watermelon, & desserts. Following the devotional, there will be a kickball game in back field behind the fellowship hall.

JOIN US!

Our next P.E.P. Night is May 20th, at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. If you would like to donate money for the pizza, please see Phil McIntosh.

P.E.P. NIGHT
 (Personal Evangelism & Pizza)

BACK to the BIBLE
 lesson 1
 lesson 2
 lesson 3

MAY CLEANING CALENDAR

- May be done any time before the next Sunday.
- Please consult with your team leader for further questions.

THANK YOU!

April 24-TEAM LEE	15-TEAM JAMES S.
Lee	Kim-Marie
Natalie	Xavier
Rufus	Jaden
Derek	Kingsford
Ken	22-TEAM PHIL
Tim	Michelle
May 1-TEAM ZACK	Beverly
Zack	Donna
Amanda	Josephine
Diedre	Yvonne
Paul	Lois
Rubye	Marcella
8-TEAM ROGER	29-TEAM LEE
Patrick	Lee
Brenda	Natalie
Roger	Rufus
Linda	Derek
	Ken
	Tim

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022:

- ◆ ANNOUNCEMENTS: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ◆ 1ST PRAYER: ROGER DEEM
- ◆ SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ◆ SCRIPTURE READING: DEREK COLE
- ◆ SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ◆ SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ◆ INVITATION SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ◆ SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ◆ COMMUNION: IVAN MCINTOSH & XAVIER SEAY
- ◆ SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ◆ OFFERING: IVAN MCINTOSH & XAVIER SEAY
- ◆ CLOSING SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ◆ CLOSING PRAYER: ADAM ZACK
- ◆ AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ◆ SECURITY: RUFUS BROWN & ROGER DEEM

SCRIPTURE READING

“Molded By Momma’s Values”

Ruth 1:14-17

“¹⁴ And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

¹⁵ And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.

¹⁶ And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

¹⁷ Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.”

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS BIRTHDAY!

2 - PATRICK SELLERS
 14 - MICHAEL ROGERS
 23 - GWEN MATTHEWS
 24 - WILLARD JACK DUNN
 24 - ROYAL WILLIAMS

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & D.O.D. CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Michael Rogers is away for training.

-Jessica Rogers is currently deployed to Kuwait.

CONGRATULATIONS! We wish to congratulate Tracy Wilson's son, Zane, in completing his training in Warrant Officer Cadet School. He is now starting his classwork for flight school. Please keep these members & loved ones in your prayers.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS AND LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS: Julie Odum has torn ligaments in her foot and may have to have surgery. Her swelling has gone down.

-Wayne Ellis had his toe amputated last Monday. He is feeling slightly better and is thankful for everyone's help and prayers.

-Donna Hines' niece, April, is tentatively scheduled for surgery on May 25th. She may have to receive a blood transfusion.

-Martha Bell is battling diverticulitis.

-Yvonne Hardiman's husband, Ray, is having inflammation from his recent eye surgery.

-Cheryl Flores' granddaughter, Joselyn, is recovering from asthma complications.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

David Hamrick, Brenda Sellers' mother, Tracy Wilson's mother (Ruth Hyde), Adam Zak, Temesha Lawal's mother (Cassandra Watson), Jim Dukes & his niece's husband, Joyce Brown's sister (Janet Simmons) & nephew (Jon-Jon Simmons), James Seay, Martha Chafin, Beverly Williams' aunt (Dorothy Sauls), Ken Sellers, Tim Matter's brother (Michael), James Garner & his wife (Tammy) & family, Josephine Spear & her sister (Rose) & friend (Iris), Linda Deem's nephew, Tanja & Tiffany Arch, Julia Jones' cousin (Larry Sanford), Amanda Petties' brother (Anthony Allen) & sister (Jewel), Rufus Brown, Marcella Williams' brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford), Shirl Foster, Martha Bell's sister, Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt), Nada Miller, Lois Brown, Cheryl Flores' brother-in-law (Raymond Flores), Billye Hughes, Mary McAnally's sister (Ann Ahrens), Esther Cox, Gladys Driver, Willard Jack Dunn, Archie & Jessie Turner, and Linda Walts. Please keep these members & loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

CONGRATULATIONS! We wish to congratulate Heather Heilman & family on her daughter, Aleah's achievement of earning her master's degree from Texas Women's University. Details are posted in the foyer to celebrate with them via live stream.

-We wish to congratulate Temesha Jackson-Lawal on the achievement of earning her bachelor's degree in healthcare administration from Waylan Baptist University.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP: There will be a ladies' fellowship in the fellowship hall on Friday, May 13th, at 6:00 pm. We will be learning how to improve our singing talents.

PARSONAGE CLEAN-UP: There will be a clean-up at the parsonage on Saturday, May 14th, starting at 9:00 am. If you are able, please bring a pick-up truck.

GUEST SPEAKER: On May 15th, Jon McCormack will be our guest speaker for morning service.

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL: Join us at the Youth Devotional on Sunday, May 15th, at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. Please bring hotdogs & fixins', potato salad, watermelon, & desserts. Following the devotional, we will play a kickball game in back field behind the fellowship hall.

GOLDEN FIESTA: Save the date for a Golden Fiesta on Sunday, May 29th, at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. The youth will serve the young at heart (45 years & older) a wonderful Mexican dinner. A sign-up sheet is posted for menu items, or if you would like to donate, please see Phil or Michelle McIntosh.

Our Speaker Today Is Phil McIntosh.

We want to especially welcome our visitors!

If you are visiting, please fill out an attendance card from the back of the pew directly in front of you and leave it in the pew as you leave.

Thank you for your visit and please join us again!

BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED

- ⇒ Bible Studies With Our Preacher Or Elders
- ⇒ Free Bible Correspondence
- ⇒ Free Marriage And Family Counseling

To our visitors—Thanks for being with us today, and please come again!

☞MAY CALENDAR☞

- 11,25-Ladies' Bible class at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- 13-Ladies' fellowship at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
- 14-Clean-up at the parsonage starting at 9:00 am.
- 15-Youth Devo at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
- 15-Jon McCormack will be our guest speaker for service.
- 20-P.E.P. Night at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.
- 21-Men's bowling fellowship at 12:00 pm, at the Hallmark Lanes.
- 29-Golden Fiesta at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.
- 30-Office closed for Memorial Day observance.

LADIES' T-SHIRTS FOR LADIES DAY: If you ordered a t-shirt for Ladies' Day, please have your money to Alfreda Pettaway by May 29th. For all sizes up to XL=\$15, 2X & up=\$20.

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