## MOM'S, MOTHERS & THE MATTERS OF LIFE

A FOCUS ON THE POWER AND MINISTRY OF GODLY MOTHERS

**GENESIS 1:26-31** 

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## REMEMBER, GOD INVENTED MOTHERS

ENCOURAGING AND DEVELOPING THE ART OF MOTHERING

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Introduction to the Text;

**Genesis 1:26-31** 

## **Happy Mother's Day Mom**

(should Christians recognize Mother's day? - only if you mean it)

#### **President Theodore Roosevelt**

"When all is said, it is the mother, and the mother only, who is a better citizen than the soldier who fights for his country. The successful mother, the mother who does her part in rearing and training aright the boys and girls who are to be the men and women of the next generation, is of greater use to the community, and occupies, if she only would realize it, a more honorable as well as more important position than any man. The mother is the one supreme asset of national life. She is more important, by far, than the successful statesman, or businessman, or artist, or scientist".

**General George Washington** My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her.

In his classic poem William Wallace declares motherhood as the preeminent force for change in the world when he said: "The Hand That Rocks The Cradle Is The Hand That Rules The World"

One of life's greatest blessings is to have a godly mother. Mothers profoundly influence their sons and daughters! And, thus, one of the greatest gifts you can give your children is to be a godly woman – a mother.

#### Gen. 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." :27- So God created man(kind) in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 31a Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.

The "Very good" part didn't come until Adam and Eve had become one.

#### Gen. 3:20

And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

## **REMEMBER - GOD INVENTED MOTHERS**

## 1.) To show us the other side of God

## GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE HOME IS:

## THE HUSBAND-FATHER / THE WIFE-MOTHER / THE SON'S & DAUGHTERS

## Gen. 1:26a, 27a

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### **Titus 2:4-5**

that they (seasoned wives-mothers) admonish the young women to love their husbands, to **love** their children,

love φιλότεκνος phil'ot'ek'nos, fil-ot'-ek-nos; a mother's fondness for her (a) children, a maternal love. a mother's love. (sorry men, dad's you can do this)

# GOD INVENTED MOTHERS TO SHOW US THE OTHER SIDE OF GOD'S NATURE.

The Tenderness of God is Revealed Through Mothers (is there a tenderness and a sweetness about a mother?)

## 2 Tim. 3:16

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (begins as a child)

A sincere faith is a daily, active, constant faith that lives in and through all of life's transactions.

Mom, Dad – we are transmitting messages to our kids about the importance of The Nature of God and the Importance of the Bible and Significance of the Church = The Nature of God!

So Mothers Listen, We need you to be you. be the mother, not the best friend. be the mother, and create a home. be the mother, and build a person.

## **REMEMBER - GOD INVENTED MOTHERS**

## 2.) To teach us about salvation

#### Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

## The Incarnation of God is Introduced to us;

and He's to come into the world through Eve and her descendants.

#### Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isn't it interesting that the Hebrews qualify their "Jewish-ness" through their DNA lineage.

## And isn't it interesting that God

Entrusted Himself into the womb of a Teenage girl

In the Hebrew culture, it was the mother who cradled her children from birth to about the age of 13, then a boy would learn a trade from his father and a girl the keeping of a home from her mother.

## Satan Hates Women and He Hates Moms

Have you noticed that, in all of the worlds cults, women are treated as Property and not partners.

#### 2 Tim. 1:5

when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also...

#### 2 Tim. 3:14

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them,* **15** and that from childhood **you have known the Holy Scriptures**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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#### Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, (are equals) there is neither slave nor free, (are equals) there is neither male nor female (are equals); for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

# do you know; with whom did the first example of submission originate with? -- Jesus Christ Himself!

Do you know who was the second in line to be the example of submission? – the man, the husband. And it's through his example of following Jesus Christ, that the woman, the wife learns submission.

## **Ephesians 6:1-3**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: **3** "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." – If Christianity is allowed to work at home then this

will be the fruit of it. Children will honor their mothers because their fathers have taught them to do so by example. It's the father's example of love, of grace and mercy that children learn. Children will learn how to treat mom by watching how dad treats mom.

#### Deut. 11:18-19

"Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **19** You shall **teach them to your children**, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

**Teach lamad**, *law-mad*; a primitive root; to goad along, to use the rod for a guide or a compass. To promote a way.

# GOD INVENTED MOTHERS TO TEACH US ABOUT SALVATION

## **REMEMBER - GOD INVENTED MOTHERS**

## 3.) To bring us to faith

Hannah (gracious) was a Great example of Motherhood.

### 1 Samuel 1:10

In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. **11** And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life,

## GOD INVENTED MOTHERS TO BRING US TO FAITH

#### 1 Samuel 1:20

So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked for him from the LORD."

## When God gave Hannah a child, Hannah dedicated herself Both - to God and to the child inside her. - mothering

## 1 Samuel 1:27-28

For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. **28** Therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the LORD." So they worshiped the LORD there.

The main way your children will grow up to love and serve God is through His Word. God's Word of truth is powerful to save and to sanctify His people.

The best thing you can do for your kids is to instill in them from an early age the importance of reading, studying, memorizing, and obeying God's Word. How do you do it?

A mother must grow in her own love for God's Word.

I strongly encourage you to begin reading the Bible to your children even when they're very young. Stick to the Mighty Works portions until they're old enough to listen to the Doctrines of the Bible.

#### 2 Peter 1:3

as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, **4** by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

# A godly mother will use God's Word to lead her children to faith in Christ.

#### Prov. 5:1-4

My son, pay attention to my wisdom; listen carefully to my wise counsel. 2 Then you will show discernment, and your lips will express what you've learned. 3 For the lips of an immoral woman are as sweet as honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil. 4 But in the end she is as bitter as poison, as dangerous as a double-edged sword.

## "But Pastor, We Can't Afford a Kid.

### Psa. 128:1-4 NIV

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him. **2** You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. **3** Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. **4** Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the LORD.

## Kids or No Kids = Discern God's Will for Your Life

## **REMEMBER - GOD INVENTED MOTHERS**

## 4.) To keep us on the narrow way

### 1 Thessalonians 5:23 tells us that...

our children are made up of a body of flesh. An analytical soul and an eternal spirit.

There's the social strand to who we are. = in this body
There's the emotional strand to who we are. = in this soul
There's the spiritual strand to who we are. = in this spirit
If we neglect this truth of who and what we are,
we will lose our kids to this world.

## GOD INVENTED MOTHERS TO KEEP US ON THE NARROW WAY

#### Ps. 127:3-5

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. 5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

# The Results of a Strong, Biblically Based Family are Children Confident in Their Own Skin.

## Prv.22:6

(parents) **Train up** a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

It's been implanted within – it doesn't guarantee salvation but it does guarantee that your little miss America will be hounded by the truth.

The Home, The Family

Is to be protected and watched over and guarded.

#### Lev. 19:3a

"Every one of you shall revere his mother

## Under The Mosaic Law; The Lord Honors the Calling of a Mother.

### Lev. 20:9

"For everyone who curses his father or his **mother** shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his **mother**. His blood *shall be* upon him.

## So Highly Honored is the place of a Mother

that the Lord made her a Priority in the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment.

### Ex. 20:12

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

## The Point to It All.

We need to take advantage of today and use it to:

- say "thank you" to mom, to her face if possible look her in the eyes.
- (2) write her something with an old fashion pen and paper it's classic.
- (3) call her, taking the high-road and tell her that you've been thinking of her

## Will You Today Respond To Christ's Offer?

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

