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“WHY DID GOD CREATE MOTHER’S?”

We just celebrated Mother’s Day this past Sunday. The question of why God created Mothers has been on my mind for a while.

In my life, being a Mom is one of the biggest and most important blessings that God has entrusted me with. I cannot imagine life without being a Mom. The frosting on that beautiful blessing has been becoming a Grandma. I am so very thankful to our heavenly Father for these 11 humans in my life. I am blessed beyond words.

Let me first start by stating that Mothers (or Moms as I prefer to say), come in different forms as they influence their children.

A Mom most of the time is the birth Mom, but then we have adoptive Moms, surrogate Moms, other family members who serve as Mom, a neighbor, a church member, in some instances, it is a single Dad.

The Webster definition of a Mother is: “A Mother is a selfless, loving human who must sacrifice many of their wants and needs for the wants and needs of their children. A Mother works hard to make sure their child is equipped with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to make it as a competent human being.”

A Mom plays multiple roles in a child’s development as she is a teacher in every aspect of a child’s developmental growth – social, emotional, physical, cognitive, independence and spiritual. A Mom teaches a baby how to do all the basic functions of life, to eat, sleep, sit up, roll over, crawl, walk, how to clap their hands, talk, sing, the list is long!

As the child gets older, we teach them how to have manners, be a good person, be a friend, trust the Lord, pray, and communicate. They also must be taught right from wrong, how to be considerate of others and how to share, how to forgive and most importantly, be the person that God wants them to be.

There are many roles of a Mom. Here are just a few:

The Caregiver
The Healthcare Provider
The Activity Coordinator
The Teacher
The Financial Planner
The Emotional Nurturer
The Relationship Coach
The Home Maker
The Head Chef
The Home Organizer
The Meal planner
Lastly, but most importantly, The Spiritual Guide
To name a few....I know there are many more
The list is unending.

As children become adults, the role of their Mom does not end by any means. Sometimes, it becomes more complicated. As our children venture into the world and form relationships with others who become influential, sometimes, they go down difficult pathways. At that point, it is not always easy to guide them in a healthy way. I have learned that praying for our children at this point is the most important thing I can do.

We cheer them on, and we’ll celebrate the good times with them. We’ll be there for the hard times, as much as they’ll let us - disappointments, divorce, loss, heartbreak, illness - and while they may no longer need us to physically wipe away their tears, our hearts will break all the same.

When they are young, we are the center of their worlds, but that will change as they grow and have families of their own. But what we do now, shapes their future. The memories we make, the values we instill, the love we share. It is priceless, and it will feed into future generations.

So to all the mothers out there (whatever your situation - whether you work outside of the home or stay at home full time, you have THE most valuable and important job in the world, and no matter how tough it gets, no matter how much you’re winging it, no matter how much you think you’re

fluffing it up - you are doing the most amazing thing in the world, and if that isn’t something to be proud of then I don’t know what is.

For me, as a Mom, reminding myself that God created this child and has taken care of them up to this point, says everything I need to know. As a Mom we have done the best we could under the circumstances. We need to continue to pray, trust in the Lord, talk with our child and pray with and for them.

We live in a very difficult world. It has always been good vs evil, but just seems to be more so these days. I try to remind myself of how naive and trusting I was when I was young and understand that young people today will most likely be the same. Reminding myself of that helps me to be more patient with the situation. Also reminding myself that God chose me to be this person’s Mom, brings much confidence. I know that God does NOT ever make a mistake.

I spent time looking through the Bible to find answers to this question, and did not find, what I was hoping to find. I have prayed about this and have come to accept that God wanted me to speak from my heart. I have done that.

In closing, I think of Mary, Jesus’ Mother. She was so very young but trusted in the Lord and look how everything worked out. When you think about society at that time, and what could have happened to her it brings tears to my eyes as to how strong her faith was.

Then, I think of her pain as Jesus was tortured and crucified, I do not know the words to explain her heartache. The song, “Mary, Did You Know?” says it all:

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make you new?
This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will calm the storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby
You kiss the face of God
Mary, did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy
Is heaven’s perfect Lamb?
That sleeping child you’re holding is the great, I Am
Mary, did you know?

Our heavenly Father is all knowing and knew exactly what He was doing when He created Moms. I am more than grateful that I am one of those fortunate Moms. I sure pay that you are as well.

Blessings,
Donna Williams - Ruling Elder - HOPE Church Raleigh
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HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, May 17

Confirmation Class @ 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Devotion & Prayer
@ 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 18

Worship Team Practice @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 20

The Computer Lab @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 21

Worship Team Practice @ 8:00 a.m.
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship @ 11:50 a.m.
Extended Fellowship for Adults/
- NO SS
Sunday School for Children & Youth
@ 11:10 a.m.

Monday, May 22

Staff Meeting @ 11:15 a.m.

Helping Hands Ministries

Fellowship - May 21

Church is Providing

ProPresenter - May 21

Elizabeth Floyd

Soundboard - May 21

Live Steaming - May 21

Al Floyd

Communion May

Lynn Joyner

Greeter - May 21

Joan Rollinson

Nursery Volunteer - May 21

Scripture Text and Sermon

This Sunday

Mark 5:21 - 43

"Two Dead Daughters"

Guest Preacher

Gene Liechty

Daily Devotions

For This Coming Week

May 21	Proverbs 17
May 22	Proverbs 18
May 23	Proverbs 19
May 24	Proverbs 20
May 25	Proverbs 21
May 26	Proverbs 22
May 27	Proverbs 23



Outreach Ministries

"Food of the Month"

for the Raleigh Dream Center
Food Pantry

Boxed Cereal

We have a collection bin in the foyer

HOPE Meal Ministry

Take a meal from the freezer if
needed for you or someone else.

The Computer Lab

May 20 @ 9:00 a.m.

TLC Devotion

Wednesday, May 24 @ 11:00 a.m.

Spiritual Growth Ministries

WOMEN of HOPE

Saturday, May 27
@ 1:00 p.m.

Family Fun Fridays For June

Friday - June 9

Family Game Night

Bring your favorite board game and
challenge another family.

Invite friends and neighbors to join you.
(There will be games available too)

Friday - June 30

Family Movie Night

Our Sanctuary will become
The HOPE Theater

Invite friends and neighbors to join you.

Watch for more dates and themes in
July and August.

Quote of the Week

*"Character in a saint means
the disposition of Jesus
Christ persistently
manifested."*

Oswald Chambers

Prayer Requests:

Revill & Mary Lane Mallory,, Jamie
Baldwin, Donna Williams, Diane Williams,
Carol & Colin (Kathy Herriman's Sister &
Brother-in-law), Loretta (Sandi
Underwood's daughter), Joan Summers,
Jordan & Cinnamon (son and daughter of
Lynn Joyner's family members), Tommy
and Billy Lanphere (Lynn Joyner's
brothers), Gene & Becky Hale, Dave &
Dot Geil, Carlyle and Cynthia Franklin
(Sandra Pierce's dad and stepmom),
Brian Adam's dad, our Military, our
Missionaries, our Nation, and the world.
If you have those you would like added to
our prayer concerns, please email me
those names.

Wednesday Night Ministries

Wednesday Night Devotion, & Prayer May 17

NOTE the Time Change for tonight

Devotion @ 7:30 p.m.

Prayer Time @ 8:00 p.m.

A Zoom Link will be available for those who
cannot join us in person starting
at 7:30 p.m. tonight
Wednesday night Devotion & Prayer Time
we will be going through a book titled,
"Restored Power"
by Jonathan Graf.
We would love for you
to join us.

Pentecost Sunday - May 28th Birthday of the Church Wear RED

Next Confirmation Class Tonight @ 6:00 p.m.

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