

## **Individual Message:**

Mother's Day 2021

**Title: LESSONS GOD'S WORD TEACHES THROUGH THE LIFE OF MARY**

**Hundreds, if not thousands of quotes and comments from people of throughout the millennia that speak of their mothers.**

Robert Browning - Motherhood: All love begins and ends there.

Rudyard Kipling - God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers.

Abraham Lincoln - I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.

### **Some of them are quite humorous:**

Milton Berle - If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?

An anonymous individual – "Mom, I love you, even though I'll never accept your friend request."

Tennis great, Serena Williams - "I've conquered a lot of things ... blood clots in my lungs — twice ... knee and foot surgeries ... winning Grand Slams being down match point ... to name just a few, but I found out by far the hardest is figuring out a stroller!" –

Actress, Reese Witherspoon - "I always say if you aren't yelling at your kids, you're not spending enough time with them." –

Comedienne, Phyllis Diller - "I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them."

One anonymous person wrote - "Happy Mother's Day, Mom! (And while I have you, quick apologies for ages 13-21.)"

And the well-known quip - If momma ain't happy, ain't nobody happy!

## **Lessons from my Mom**

- Love God wholeheartedly.
- Live for Christ always.
- Love the Word and be in it daily.
- Walk in the Spirit and Minister in the Spirit.
- Love the Church and serve in it.
- Worship whether you can sing/ clap or not.
- Beauty can come out of the ashes – everyone is broken and beautiful.
- Tears are ok – just cry them unto the Lord (tell it to Jesus).
- Looking behind you will only blind you to the present and future.
- Be Independent and Be in Community.
- Be a leader and Be a servant.
- Be creative and be industrious.
- Age should never slow you down.

### **A message from a mother - Mary**

--A message for moms, dads and all who desire to find favor with God...

A glimpse of who she is: the only human person who accompanied Our Lord from crib to cross and who through her presence in the nascent church continued to give witness of Him after His ascension.

## **LESSONS GOD'S WORD TEACHES THROUGH THE LIFE OF MARY**

### **She Knew God's Word.**

- In the time Mary lived she was probably illiterate, but she had heard the Word of God and kept it hidden in her heart.

Luke 1:54-55

*“He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”*

- How well do we know God's Word?
- Are we able to speak the Words of His truth to others?
- Is our time in the Word an important part of our day?

## **She Listened and Held God's Word Close.**

She was quiet before the Lord and meditated on all He had done in her life.

Luke 2:19

*"But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart."*

Luke 2:51

*"And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. "*

- How often are we truly quiet before the Lord, just pondering on what He has done and is doing in our lives?
- Do we take the time to meditate on His Word?

## **She said "yes" to God's plan for her life.**

- She had an obedient, submissive, and a humble heart.

Luke 1:38

*"And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her."*

- Are we willing to say, "yes Lord," to whatever task He calls us?
- May we be faithful, obedient servants.

## **She Was a Woman of Worship.**

Luke 1:46-47

*“And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”*

- She gave praise to her Lord knowing that the road before her was going to be a difficult one.
- Do we praise Him in and through all circumstances in our lives?

## **She was a chosen vessel of the Lord.**

- She had a role to play. God had sent an angel to tell her of His plan. She agreed and bore the son of God within her.
- Yet, not just in the womb. She raised the boy, took him to the temple, nurtured him and walked with him.

Luke 1:30-31

*“And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.”*

- She bore him in the womb, she bore his calling in her heart.
- She knew the name he was given had significance.
- If you are a child of God, you have been chosen to be an instrument that God is using to fulfill His purposes.
- Mary was chosen to give spiritual life to the Son of God, and we are chosen to give spiritual life and encouragement to others.
- Are you living an eternally focused life?
- Do you take the time to share the truth of the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ with others?

## **She Turned to Jesus When in Times of Need.**

John 2:3-5

*“When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”*

- When a problem arises where do we turn to first for guidance?
- Do we seek Christ or turn to others?
- Do we spend time worrying?
- Do we point others toward Christ?

## **She received Christ as Her Savior.**

- Jesus was her son, but he was also her Savior.
- The child she loved, she also watched die on a cross for the sins of the world.
- When it seemed like everyone had deserted Jesus, his mother Mary was there, and she followed him all the way to the cross.

Luke 2:34-35

*“And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”*

John 19:25

*“...but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.”*

- Do you know that Christ died for your sins?
- Have you repented and put your faith and trust in Him and Him alone for your salvation (Romans 10:9-10)?

- Are you a true follower of Christ?

## **She was faithful to the Lord and to the Church.**

- Some speculate that she was there at the tomb, listed as the other women....
- Clearly, she was in the upper room with the disciples when the spirit fell on them.

Acts 1:14

*“...went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James” and “these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.”*

- Church history states that John kept his promise to Jesus and cared for Mary until her death. It shares that she
- Today there are not many professing believers who are ready to follow Jesus to the cross.
- Are you faithful to Jesus no matter the circumstances or the difficulty of what you may be called to endure?

### **Conclusion / Challenge**

Know His word.

Listen and Obey.

Say yes.

Be a person of worship.

Allow the Lord to Use you.

Ask Jesus to Save you.

Ask Jesus to help you.

Be involved with the body of Christ.