

**MOTHERS DAY**  
**MAY 14, 2017**

**INTRODUCTION: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4 (ESV), PSALMS 147:3**

One of the most difficult sermons to prepare for is the Mothers Day sermon. The reason – the need to be sensitive to the many scenarios that exist regarding women, mothers, and children.

1. Women.
  - A. Infertility. Today could be a painful trigger for these.
  - B. Abortion. The woman forced to abort to save face.
  - C. Unwanted pregnancy. Unexpected, unwelcomed, resented.
2. Mothers.
  - A. Miscarriage. My mother and oldest daughter both miscarried.
  - B. Loss of a child. Disease, accident, unintended overdose, suicide.
  - C. Rebellious children. Causing heartache and pain.
3. Children.
  - A. Abandoned. At a supermarket, door step.
  - B. Given up for adoption. Biological mother is unknown.
  - C. Abusive mom. Emotionally, physically even sexually.
  - D. Irresponsible. Chad Varga – mom left him in a tub at two years old with only hot water on. Blistered his feet before being rescued by his aunt. His mother passed out on drugs.

**WHY BOTHER WITH A MOTHERS DAY MESSAGE?**

These scenarios exist because we live in a fallen world. It doesn't have to be this way if we teach young people to make better choices. Motherhood as God planned it is a wonderful thing and we should honor mothers for the contributions they make in their children's lives. **EPHESIANS 6:1-3 (ESV), PROVERBS 14:1 (CEV)**

**MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE**

1. Hannah – **1 SAMUEL 1:26-28**
  - A. Untiring sacrifice: Dedicated Samuel, hard worker, she sacrificed much to provide for his needs.
  - B. Devoted mothers recognize their children belong to God and work hard to help them follow the right path for their lives.
2. Jochabed – **HEBREWS 11:23-25**
  - A. Untold influence. She so strongly influenced Moses in his formative years, when he grew older he refused to be influenced by the training he received in the king's court.
  - B. The influence of a godly mother can't be overstated. Her example, teaching and prayers serve as a powerful influence. Her lips teach how to speak; footsteps how to walk; attitudes teach character. Her influence is untold.
3. Eunice. **2 TIMOTHY 1:5**
  - A. Unfailing faith. She understood the need to provide more than nourishing meals, adequate clothing, proper hygiene and a warm bed. She was a woman of faith who taught her son the value of pleasing God by faith.
4. Mary. **JOHN 19:25-27**
  - A. Undying love. Before the rugged soldiers, false accusers, and scoffers, stood Mary with undying love and devotion at the foot of her son's cross. A mother's love stands true to the very end.
5. Syrophonecian woman. **MATTHEW 15:21-28**
  - A. Unyielding perseverance. A Gentile whose daughter is possessed. The need is beyond her ability. She found someone who could do what she couldn't.
  - B. When rejected, she resisted anger, pride, resentment, jealousy and prejudice and persevered in faith until she got results.

**CONCLUSION:** Mothers are to be held in high esteem who sacrifice their lives for their children and influence them for God. Those who exhibit unfailing faith, undying love and unyielding perseverance will find their reward in children that fear and obey God.