

Mother's Day 2018

Luke 1:26-33

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 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."

Mother's, do you remember when you discovered you were pregnant?

- What went through your mind?
- Joy
- Excitement
- Maybe a little concern?
- Maybe questioning yourself on what kind of mother you would be?

Think about this...

Before Jesus was conceived in flesh on this Earth, God confronted Mary,

- I have a job for you
- It's the most important job in the world
- It will change the way people look at you
- Some may even ridicule you
- It will cause you pain, both physical and emotional
- Sacrifice will be involved
- This job will test your limitations...
- But you can do this...
- God designed you for such a task

I can easily see this job description for every mother!!

And I think every mother needs to hear those words Gabriel spoke to Mary:

- "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women
- You have found favor with God

**“All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.”
— Abraham Lincoln**

Proverbs 1:8-9

**8 My son, hear the instruction of your father,
And do not forsake the law of your mother;
9 For they will be a graceful ornament on your head,
And chains about your neck.**

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

Proverbs 6:20-22

**20 My son, keep your father's command,
And do not forsake the law of your mother.
21 Bind them continually upon your heart;
Tie them around your neck.
22 When you roam, they will lead you;
When you sleep, they will keep you;
And when you awake, they will speak with you.**

**Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother."
-Unknown**

**“No man is poor who has a Godly mother.”
— Abraham Lincoln**

Proverbs 15:20

**20 A wise son makes a father glad,
But a foolish man despises his mother.**

**"If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the
beginning."
-Unknown**

**Isn't it funny how the older we get, the more we realize how right our mother
has always been!!**

“My mother told me that everything in life happened for a purpose. She said all things were part of God’s plan, even the most disheartening setbacks, and in the end, everything worked out for the best.”

– Ronald Reagan

Being the mother of Jesus wasn’t an easy job...

- **She knew Who He was and what was expected of Him**
- **She never left His side...**

But honestly being a mother, period, isn’t easy

Every mother deserves to be recognized and honored by their children...

In the end, Jesus recognized and honored His mother...

Some of His final Words were:

John 19:25-27

25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 **When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” 27 Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.**

That old song

- **“When He was on The Cross” I was on His mind...**
- **When He was on The Cross, His mother was on His mind...**
- **As the child of her flesh, He honored her one final time...**

Closing:

- **Honor our Mothers**
- **Prayer**