

AMERICAN MOMENT

TALYA - CAIN GIRLS

MISTY GARLOW I'm going to ask Misty Garlow to join me at this time - As she comes, we are celebrating her achievements. Misty graduated Cum Laude with her BSN Bachelor OF Science IN Nursing and she was the recipient of the Bachelor of Science Nursing Student of the YEAR!!!

What has this meant to you What are your plans for the future?

PRAY BLESSINGS XXXXX

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

A little Mother trivia: The highest officially recorded number of children born to one mother is 69. 1725-1765 She gave birth to 16 pair of twins, 7 sets of triplets and 4 sets of quads. 67 survived.

Oldest mother April 8 2003 India schoolteacher - married for 50 year but this was there first child 65 years old!

From the animal kingdom: A mother giraffe often gives birth while standing, so the new born's first experience outside the womb is a 6 foot drop

WE ARE CELEBRATING IRREPLACABLE MOTHERS!

WE ARE NOT DISCOUNTING THE PLACE OF FATHERS - ON THE CONTRARY - WE HONOR FATHERS AND THEY WILL HAVE THEIR TIME OF HONOR ESPECIALLY JUNE 17. TODAY THE PLACE OF MOTHERS.

IRREPLACABLE: impossible to replace if lost or damaged.

synonyms: unique, ,priceless,, one-of-a-kind, incomparable, unparalleled;

A young boy forgot his lines in a Sunday school play. Luckily his is mother was in the front row especially to prompt him. She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. His memory was completely blank. Finally, she leaned forward and whispered the cue, 'I am the light of the world.'

The Boy beamed and with great feeling and a loud clear voice announced, 'My mother is the light of the world.'

I. WHY DO I SAY SAY THAT WHY DO I SAY MOTHER ARE IRREPLACEABLE?

Proverbs 31:28 "Her children stand and bless her, Her husband praises her."

Let's hear from some who believed that Mothers were irreplaceable:

- Abe Lincoln: All that I am or can be I owe to my angel mother.
- 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!
- Winston Churchill : The most influential person in my life was My mother
- St. Augustine - praying mother Monica
- Timothy, Paul's sp. son yet who was first instructed and always prayed for by mother and grandmother.

II. Mothering has been greatly devalued in today's society. Previous generations had as a value for women: get married, **have children, raise children** in such a way that they were an asset in the earth. Because the Bible was the handbook on raising children, it was used practically to teach children love for God, positive attitude, godly behavior, values of working hard, respect for authority, loyalty, endurance. A mother's goal was to build faith and character into the life of her child, knowing that that is where true success lay.

Today, often mothers are overly stressed as family financial situation has demanded that both parents work.

There is often as well pressure that to have value, careers must be pursued. Degrees sought after. **NOT WRONG PROVERBS 31: 10-31** is the picture of the **IDEAL BIBLICAL WOMAN - NOTE:** She considers a field and buys it, from her profits she buys a vineyard, ..she perceives her merchandise is good,,she makes linen garments and sells them and supplies sashes to the merchants." **SHE IS AN ENTREPRENEUR!!!**

The key is the priorities of her life - husband, children, household, business It is not as much WHAT you are doing as WHEN YOU ARE DOING IT.

After all, no job is as important than growing humans. The generation of tomorrow lays not in the hands of the politicians and policy makers, but in the arms of mothers. **Motherhood matters, more than anybody would care to admit.**

A. Suzannah Wesley - 19 children - 9 who died while infants I am a woman, but I am also the mistress of a large family. And though the superior charge of the souls contained in it lies upon you, yet in your long absence I cannot but look upon every soul you leave under my charge as a talent committed to me under a trust. I am not a man nor a minister, yet as a mother and a mistress I felt I ought to do more than I had yet done. I resolved to begin with my own children; in which I observe the following method: I take such a proportion of time as I can spare every night to discourse with each child apart. On Monday I talk with Molly, on Tuesday with Hetty, Wednesday with Nancy, Thursday with Jacky, Friday with Patty, Saturday with Charles.

Her life was far from ideal, house burned down twice, husband not extremely responsible. left her for a year after a dispute . She didn't like the way the intern pastor was teaching - began a study in her home in the afternoon and it began to reach over 200 people while meeting at the church dwindled.

Two of her most influential children : John and Charles Wesley - Great revivalist and founders of the Methodists denomination.

Children are a gift from God and the bible says blessed is he whose quiver is full of them. If our children are gifts from the Lord, then it is our responsibility to discern, develop and deploy those gifts in them. Every child carries a gift for a particular purpose. It is our duty as parents to help our children discover their gifts. **The best way to discover these is by connecting them to the creator Himself and raising them to be who He has called them to be.**

III. Biblical example of a Mother whose son is still influencing the world today.

I want to give you three things that she did that contributed to his life.

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi. 2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months. 3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a wicker basket and covered it

over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. 4 His sister stood at a distance to find out what would happen to him.

5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it to her. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women that she may nurse the child for you?" 8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go ahead." So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. 10 The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. And she named him Moses, and said, "Because I drew him out of the water."

JOCHOBED is a role model for trusting in a living God in the midst of a pagan culture; in a dangerous world. She represents all that is positive in motherhood. 3 Words: **PROTECTION, PROVISION AND PREPARATION.**

A. PROTECTION: Ex 2:1, 2 She was living in a land that her ancestor had helped to preserve. His name was Joseph and it was his wisdom through his relationship with a living God that caused this land they were living in to be preserved. But years had come and gone and a new pharaoh was in position, He neither knew nor cared about about Joseph and all he had done for the people.

Now Jochobed was living under the rule that if she as a Hebrew woman gave birth, if the baby was a boy it was to be killed. They were to be thrown to the crocodiles in the Nile River. The crocodiles were considered "god's that They worshiped. You see the Pharaoh was doing two things at the same time - He was getting rid of the Hebrew Nation by killing the male heirs and appeasing the Crocodile gods at the same time. BUT JOCHOBED COULD not do it.

She looked at the baby boy and knew God had a plan for his life, just like God has a plan for each and every life that is born. She knew he was a gift. The bible says "Children are a gift from God." Psm 127:3 She PROTECTED HIM IN A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WERE LIVING ON TOP of one another. - crying baby - opportunity for people to snitch and inform Pharaoh's gestapo to come and get him and them. She weaved a basket, covered it with pitch - in other words "SHE MADE A SAFE PLACE FOR HIM" - SHE WAS NOT NEGLIGENT ABOUT HIS WELFARE; SHE WAS NOT PRESUMPTUOUS THAT JUST BECAUSE SHE FELT THAT GOD HAD SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR HIM THAT SHE COULD BE NONCHALANT - SHE KEPT TRUSTING IN A LIVING GOD.

HOW ABOUT US? Are we really aware of the dangers of letting the filth of the internet, some music, cartoons - what values are they teaching our children Do we inspect the tv shows, music, video games for VALUES? ARE THEY IN KEEPING WITH BIBLICAL VALUES? What about closer school mates? What is being taught them in school?

What about sex education? ARE YOU AWARE Slightly more than half of American teenagers ages 15 to 19 have engaged in oral sex, with females and males reporting similar levels of experience, according to the most comprehensive national survey of sexual behaviors ever released by the federal government? ARE WE HAVING OPEN CONVERSATION ABOUT SEX WITH OUR CHILDREN AT AN APPROPRIATE AGE? AND MAY I SAY THAT AGE IS PROBABLY YOUNGER THAN YOU ARE THINKING. TRY ASKING THEM IN AN EASY MANNER - NO ANGER/FEAR - JUST CURIOSITY - WHAT DO YOUR FRIENDS TALK ABOUT THE SUBJECT OF SEX Are they being taught same sex marriage? What is being role modeled by authority figures around them

I was doing a study on abuse in our culture today and the statement was made that the concept of devaluing women was becoming acceptable. - that it was now being passed down through the generations. THAT IS WHY BOYS MUST BE TAUGHT TO RESPECT GIRLS AND GIRLS MUST BE TAUGHT THAT THEIR VALUE IS NOT IN BEING A SEX OBJECT. IT'S OK TO SAY NO!

What is being role modeled in the home? Do they SEE/HEAR you turn to God in difficult times and ask God for His wisdom, understanding? Do they see honor OUR CHILDREN ONLY HAVE HINDSIGHT NOT FORESIGHT. WE HAVE TO SEE AHEAD, SEE THE DANGERS OR WRONG PEOPLE, WRONG DECISIONS, WRONG PLACES. WE ARE STEWARDS OVER OUR CHILDREN. **It is OUR RESPONSIBILITY to protect their heads and hearts!**

But some parents say: Aren't we over protecting them? NO - How will they be salt and light? We don't throw them in the river to teach them to swim; we instruct them first. We give them knowledge, so they can discern right and wrong. We make sure they have the ability to STAND FIRST. HOLD THEIR GROUND.

THEY DON'T ALWAYS UNDERSTAND THE DANGER - They may not like it and they may not like you for awhile but when Prov 31 says that your children will stand and bless you - the history to that is that they will do it after they are grown and understand why you did what you do. PARENTS ARE NOT CALLED TO BE THEIR CHILDREN'S FRIENDS - BUT MENTORS, GUIDES EXTENSIONS OF GOD'S HEART AND HEAD. JOCHOBED made a place of protection for Moses.

B. JOCHOBED PROVIDED - Ex 2:3,4, She had everything working against her - the culture, the government, the law.. she looked ahead; she saw the place she could put him. SHE KNEW JUST WHERE PHAROAH'S DAUGHTER CAME TO BATHE DAILY. SHE PUT HIM IN THE WATER THERE, STATIONED HER DAUGHTER MARIAM TO WATCH. SURE ENOUGH, PHAROAH'S DAUGHTER HEARD THE BABY CRYING, OPENED THE BASKET, WAS GOING AND AHIING - SUCH A CUTE BABY, REALIZED IT WAS ONE OF THE HEBREW'S CHILDREN - COMPASSION. LOVED HIM. GOD WAS TOUCHING MOSES WITH FAVOR. HE CAN TOUCH OUR CHILDREN WITH FAVOR AS WE ARE TRUSTING HIM AND DOING OUR BEST. MARIAM "I KNOW WHO CAN NURSE HIM. PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER BREAKS HER OWN FATHER'S DECREE!

NOW JOCHOBED, as his nurse HISTORY SAYS HAS MOSES FOR 5-8 years = paid for by Pharaoh's daughter!!! She was totally trusting God and it was paying off.

C. JOCHOBED PREPARED - Ex 2:9-10 Now in that 5-8 year period she nursed him she taught him of his ancestors, Of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - Of how God promised to deliver the Hebrews up out of 300 years ago. She was teaching him his future! She taught him about Joseph, how he learned to live in relationship with God through his time in the pit, then in purity refusing to compromise morally, then in the prison, finally to the palace.! Moses is getting a picture. HE IS LEARNING IDENTITY THIS IS WHO I AM, .

WHILE THE EGYPTIAN WOMEN WERE OFFERING THEIR CHILDREN TO THE CROCODILE GOD, WHILE OTHER HEBREW WOMEN WERE losing their children, JOCHOBED WAS PRESSING IN, PRAYING, PREPARING MOSES - SO THAT BEFORE HE GOT TO THE PALACE WITH ALL IT'S WEALTHY INFLUENCE, ITS PROMISCUOUS WAYS, HIS HEART WOULD BE STEADFAST - TRUSTING LIKE HIS MOTHER DID IN A LIVING GOD.

MOTHER'S LIKE JOCHOBED PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN FROM THE SLEAZE OF THIS WORLD - FROM THE CROCODILES OF SECULAR HUMANISM, DRUGS, DOUBT, **from vulgarity -lacking taste or refinement.** I KNOW WE CAN'T KEEP THEM FROM ALL OF THE NILES BUT ON A DAILY BASIS REMIND THEM OF PUROSE AND GOD'S LOVE AND YOUR HOPE AND CONFIDENCE and the blessings of obedience. HE PREPARED HIM TO BE RELEASED TO THE PALACE. IF SHE HAD NOT DONE SO - HISTORY MIGHT READ DIFFERENTLY AND WE MAY NEVER HAVE HEARD THE NAME MOSES.

GOD NEEDED THE COOPERATION OF JOCHOBED Three hebrew children torn out of their homes, placed in a weird land, given new names, learning new concepts - But WHAT GAVE THEM THE MORAL FORTITUDE TO STAND

IN THE FACE OF DEATH - **These3 boy were taught Deuteronomy 6:5-9** "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 These words, which I am commanding you today, **shall be on your heart.** 7 **You shall teach them diligently to your sons** and shall **talk of** them when you sit in your house and when **you walk by** the way and when **you lie down and when you rise up.** 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals [b]on your forehead. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. -UMBReLLA **TRUST /LIVING GOD!**

DURING THIS IMPRESSIONABLE TIME IN OUR CHILDREN'S LIVES, FILL THEM WITH THE WORD AND IT WILL BE impressed upon their hearts. That is what the 3 had - had the fortitude - in their past there was only one God and only one God should be served. Not just what was told them them but **WHEN**

IT WAS TOLD THEM - **PROV 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go,

Even when he is old he will not depart from it. Simplicity!!! **WHAT WE PUT INTO OUR CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE YOUNG, IS WHAT THEY WILL BECOME WHEN OLDER.**

developmental psychologists

WHAT ABOUT IMPORTANT TIME CALLED CHILDHOOD COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT: ABILITY TO THINK, TO DEDUCE, REASON AND PROBLEM SOLVE. PEAKS OUT AROUND age 35 - doesn't stop there but starting to go down. But Moral development begins at age 2 and then peaks at age ten and continues to drop - till about 18 where the majority of our values and morals are set. There is a WINDOW that is open till about 18 - now moral training is not always emphasized - maybe parents did not have a lot of moral training when young - mostly done in a correctively - not positive offensive training in WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG -

kinda think they will pick it up along the way. Often our cognitive will continue to happen - but the problem is that is our head NOT our heart.

You can rationalize morals away (Divorce- irreconcilable differences) - Know it is wrong in heart - but do it anyway - the cognitive (knowing) is greater than the moral persuasion in the heart.

Need a strategic - to get into heart between 2 and 10 - when faced with a decision to do the wrong thing -difficult to do wrong part of emotional DNA Sam in the first grade - came home - was gong to get a spanking the next day for telling the teacher He hated her. Trying to figure that out - he was a pretty loving kid - we were praying and asking Sam about it. One of #1 books on NYTimes best selling list was a book called sugar blues - which uncovered the addictiveness of sugar and the ramifications of that on the human body and even its effect on emotions. So we as many other parents were not giving our children a lot of sugar. We did not now that at the school when the children did well, they were being given a sugary lollipop. We always explained to our kids why we did what we did - so Sam knew that was not good for you, but of course his flesh

wanted it. So up to that time - when offered a lollipop, he would say NO - War going on in the inside. FRUSTRATION. Thus the outburst to the teacher. John immediately went to the teacher and the principle and the problem was remedied by simply buying sugarless lollipops for him and any other children of same persuasion. BUT AT THAT YOUNG AGE - HIS MORAL DEVELOPMENT WAS GROWING AND GIVING HIM THE STRENGTH TO DO WHAT WAS RIGHT IN THE SET OF VALUES THAT WE HAD EMBRACED IN OUR FAMILY.

FEW ENTITIES THAT CAN TEACH MORAL TRUTHS - POLITICAL LEADERS - IN THEIR HEADS BUT NOT THEIR HEARTS - BUT IF IT COULD BE BUILT INTO OUR CHILDREN WHILE YOUNG - IT COULD PREPARE THEM POSITIVELY WITH MORAL FORTITUDE.

SHORT WINDOW - TAKE KIDS MORE SERIOUSLY - SILLY - RUNNING AROUND LIKE CRAZY, DISOBEDIENT, MOST OF TIME -ACT LIKE NOT LISTENING (OH YES THEY ARE) ALL THE CHAOS ON THE OUTSIDE - BUT IT IS NOT AN INDICATION OF WHAT'S HAPPENING WITHIN IN.

NO FROM TWO - 16 MUST PUT GODLY VALUES IN THEN

PRACTICAL - #1 GET YOUR KIDS IN CHURCH - I KNOW DISTRACTIONS - CLASH OF VALUES, LAKE, SPORTS - BUT WHEN YOU BIRTHED - YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GET THE MORAL

YOU NEED TO VOLUNTEER - We pray for you for your kids and our teachers prepare - age appropriate training.

So what does this tell us? We don't have a lot of time to build into our children. ONE OF THE BEST THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CHILDREN IS BE IN THE CHURCH, NOT ONLY WILL YOUR CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM WHAT THEY ARE LEARNING, BUT ROLE MODEL IS LEAVING A DEEP FOOTPRINT FOR THEM TO FOLLOW.

IV. IS there more than can be done to help yes! Let the church help - Let the church and the home work together to reinforce values - give them a consistent role model of your own devotion to God.

IT'S NOT TO LATE TO START. If you have lived less than a godly life before them in any arena, REPENT, ONE OF THE GREATEST THINGS YOUR CHILDREN CAN SEE YOU DO IS repent when you say or do wrong.

We need to work together - OUR CHILDREN ARE FACING AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT WORLD THAT YOU AND I FACED AT THAT AGE. THEY ARE HAVING A MORE CHALLENGING TIME LIVING OUT CHRISTIAN CONVICTIONS. - WE MUST HELP THEM AND PRESENT A UNITED FRONT - don't let them feel as if they are alone.

PLAY THE CLIP

Nothing is more important to do that getting the children's ministry a bigger work force - when they come here - they must experience God's love, His patience.

They love it when men work back there. We have a couple of them who SERVE and the kids ask "Is Mr. Justin going to be here" Is Mr. Doc. or have husband wife teams.

We can't go back in time - oh the good ole days and the way we did things - No we need to go forward - face the Nile gods - TAKE TIME TO PROTECT, PROVIDE AND PREPARE.

GOD NEEDED THAT COOPERATION FROM JOCHOBED AND HE NEEDS YOURS. YOU ARE IRREPLACEABLE MOTHERS - UNIQUE PRICELESS
WE WANT TO COOPERATE WITH GOD TO PRODUCE A BETTR QUALITY OF INDIVIDUAL.

Effective motherhood is not about getting it all right. Many women experience guilt because they are trying to achieve an unattainable standard of motherly perfection. It is a myth to say that the best moms are the martyr moms who sacrifice everything for their families without paying attention to their own needs. The key to mothering is mindfulness rather than omnipotence. Mothers first need to be mindful of themselves.

We must forgive our parents of their shortcomings and recognize how those shortcomings have inhibited our parenting if we desire to change and equip our children more effectively.

V. The Bible puts great value on Mothering - In the 10 commandments, the only commandment with a promise was "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you." **Ephesians 6:2** "**Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth**"

Honoring your father and mother is being respectful in word and action and having an inward attitude of esteem for their position. The Greek word for honor means "to revere, prize, and value." Honor is giving respect not only for merit but also for rank. It doesn't have so much to do with whether they "deserve" it - in fact in the natural realm they may not. They may have been abusive etc. but Rick Warren - pastor had an interesting insight - He said your parents were chosen to birth you NOT because of their parenting skills but because together they had the right DNA to cause you to become the unique person that you are.

ED COLE - WHATEVER WE DO NOT FORGIVE OUR PARENTS FOR BINDS US TO BECOME WHAT THEY WERE. "ILL NEVER DO THAT ETC.

LET'S FORGIVE THEM - BE UNDERSTANDING - CAN'T GIVE YOU WHAT THEY DON'T HAVE. HONOR THEM TODAY
CALL, TEXT - IF THEY HAVE PASSED ON - TALK TO GOD ABOUT THEM. TELLING HIM YOU FORGIVE ETC.

NOW ASK GOD TO FORGIVE YOU - GET OUT FROM THE WEIGHT OF GUILT - YOU DIDN'T GET ONE TO PRACTICE ON BEFORE YOU BIRTHED A CHILD.
FORGIVE YOURSELF.

NOW - a spirit of Jochobed - Her grace - let's ask God for it. Let's tell HIM - I need to know BETTER how to PROTECT, PROVIDE AND PREPARE my child to be released into what you have destined him for. I want to cooperate with you.

**YOU ARE IRREPLACEABLE - NO ONE CAN BE TO YOUR CHILD WHAT YOU CAN BE OR CAN DO WHAT YOU CAN DO.
We RISE UP AND CALL YOU BLESSED!**