

Mother's Day 2026

"Stay On Like Mom!"

Judges 5:1-7

Introduction – read Judges 5:1-7

- We are so thankful for you Mom's
 - Hopefully every one of you received a gift when you came in today
- I know this day can be sort of hard for some of you that had never had an opportunity to be a mom, or maybe you recently lost a mom, which I imagine would be so hard
 - But whether this day is a blessing or hard – we at Calvary Vista want all of you ladies to know we appreciate everyone of you – and all of you, even you young ladies, you already have let those mothering gifts ministering and take care of people in the church and so we celebrate all of you ladies today
- But we do want to recognize those moms in the room
 - Could you stand, we want to thank you and pray for you
- Pray for the Moms and for our study in the word today

We thank you moms for all you do

- I am super thankful because I came across this article from Forbes Magazine speaking on what Mom's really deserve from a salary sense for all they do

An article in *Forbes* asks, "Think you can put a price on motherhood?" A yearly survey by Salary.com called the annual Mom Salary Survey, attempts to put a salary on the work of American mothers. First, they broke down motherly duties into the following ten categories: Day Care Center Teacher, CEO, Psychologist, Cook, Housekeeper, Laundry Machine Operator, Computer Operator, Facilities Manager, Janitor, and Van Driver.

Then they studied how many hours moms work in those categories and what the family would have to pay for outsourcing that duty. According to the recent 2026 survey, they determined the following:

The average stay-at-home mom should make an annual salary of \$382,434 (based on a 40-hour per week base pay plus 54.7 hours a week of overtime).

So I don't know what you spent on Mother's Day guys, or where you are planning on taking to her to lunch, but looks like it better be pretty nice

- Most of us are getting a really good deal!
 - You mothers work so hard!

Speaking of Mother's Day, I want us to consider Deborah for a few minutes this morning from the book of Judges – [Read Judges 5:1-7](#)

- what an amazing women Deborah was
 - in a man's world God raised her up as a judge over Israel

Before Israel had King Saul or David or Solomon, they had judges to lead them, to take them out to battle

- An in the days of Deborah, God used her, a woman, to set the nation of Israel free
 - But when she describes herself here in her song in Judges chapter 5, she describes herself as a mother in Israel

“Village life ceased, it ceased in Israel, until I Deborah, arose, a mother in Israel.” – Judges 5:7 (NKJV)

“There were few people left in the villages of Israel until Deborah arose as a mother for Israel.” – Judges 5:7 (NLV)

A mother in and as most newer translations state, a mother for Israel

- Either translation works because she was both – she was both a mother to her children in the nation of Israel
 - but also as you who know the Bible story, she was raised up as a mother for Israel to care for them – to defend, encourage and comfort them

And why? – Why was she raised up to be a mother for Israel???

- you bible students know, because there was no choice
 - there was simply no other choice
 - she had to
 - the men of the day wanted nothing to do with the responsibilities
 - the so-called leaders in Israel at the time would not lead
- And so Deborah, called by God, rose to the occasion and became a mother for Israel out of pure necessity

And this being Mother’s Day today, I was thinking about that as it pertains to you Moms

A friend of mine who had been teaching his kids the attributes of God – you know the fact that....

God is Omniscient – “all knowing”

God is Omnipresent – “everywhere”

God is Omnipotent – “all powerful”

- these are all amazing truths about who God is
 - well later as family was over at the home of this man who was teaching his children these things, the adults were talking about how they couldn’t get away with anything growing up with their Mom, she always knew what was happening,

The little boy said, well I think I know why – you couldn't get away with anything because when you guys were little kids, Grandma was Momninent – you remember dad what you taught me – she knows everything – Momninent

➤ I like that – because you Moms really are

Momniscient – “all knowing”

Momnipotent – “all powerful”

Momnipresent – “you are everywhere”

And why do you have to be Momnipresent – again, like Deborah there is no other choice

➤ I found this on facebook (so you know it's true)...listen carefully...

A man came home from work and found his 3 children outside, still in their pajamas, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and wrappers strewn around garden, The door of his wife's car was open, as was the front door to the house and no sign of the dog, walking in the door, he found ...an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over, the throw rug was against one wall, In the front room the TV was on loudly with the cartoon channel, the family room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing. In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, breakfast food was spilled on the counter, the fridge door was open wide, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lay under the table, and a small pile of sand was spread by the back door. He quickly headed up the stairs, stepping over toys and more piles of clothes, looking for his wife. He was worried she might be ill, or that something serious had happened. He was met with a small trickle of water as it made its way out the bathroom door. As he peered inside he found wet towels, scummy soap and more toys strewn over the floor. Miles of toilet paper lay in a heap and toothpaste had been smeared over the mirror and walls. As he rushed to the bedroom, he found his wife still curled up in the bed in her pajamas, reading a novel... She looked up at him, smiled and asked how his day went. He looked at her bewildered and asked, 'What happened here today?' She again smiled and answered, 'You know every day when you come home from work and you ask me what in the world do I do all day?...

"Yes," was his incredulous reply..

She answered, 'Well, today I didn't do it.'

You Moms have to be Momnipresent – there is no other choice

It reminds me of the husband that said, don't worry about the dishes, hun, it's Mother's Day – don't you worry about those dishes, they will keep until tomorrow

- some of you aren't laughing because that is your reality
 - you have to be Momipresent because there is no other option

Now some of you today, 2/3rds of you, the men, and those women who have not been a Mom are wondering why do I even come to church on Mother's Day? – what are we talking about today? Yeah Mom, upside down is Wow, we love her – is that the only point today?

- No, not at all – now is the point where everyone needs to listen up
 - Men you need to wake up – how can you be sleeping in this study
 - Mom's I know it's your day, but I need your attention too
- because this study applies to every single one of you today
 - Men and women, young and old, single or married – everyone of us

It applies to all of us because Paul in I Thessalonians 2 says in some ways, we are all called to be Mothers
“But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.”
– 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

Paul to this church in Thessalonica that he loved, is saying there are times when we are all called to act like mothers

- there is someone who God is calling you to come along side and nurture spiritually, to affect them positively
 - we can close our ears and minds this morning and say – this message is just for Moms
 - but the Spirit of God I believe is saying – this message is for you
- Don't you know who you are???

An older but dignified woman walked into a small country church. She said to the usher I would like a seat in the very front row. The Usher said, ah mamn you don't want sit there – the Pastor can be very long winded and very boring. You want to sit in the back so you can slip out if you need to before he is finished, if he ever does? The woman said, Hugh, I am so offended, do you know who I am? – the Usher said “no I don't”. Well I am the pastor's mother, how dare you say those things about my son? The Usher responded “oh do you know who I am? The Pastor's Mother said no and the Usher said, “good”

Sir – do you know who you are?

- like the women sitting next to you, you will have a responsibility to lift up and encourage those sitting around you
 - Paul says, we all need to realize we in some ways are to be like mothers, to learn from them
 - To learn what??

Well in this context, learning from Judges chapter 5, learning from Deborah, the mother for Israel

- You mothers that are here, you do what you do, because like Deborah there is no choice – you have to do it
 - and because of that you are always on
- and because of that - you become invaluable to the family

And all of us can learn this lesson – we like Mom’s need to always be on

- like Deborah the mother for Israel, and like Mom’s all across this sanctuary and nation of ours
 - we need to always be on
 - Not physically like they are
- But spiritually, always on, always ready, always on the lookout for what God is doing, dangers to avoid, how we can bless those around us
 - We need to always be on.

You know I read that they will spend 350 million dollars on changing the light bulbs in the capital building each year – 350 million dollars – there has got to be a cheaper way to do that? – I mean give me 350 million dollars, I don’t know how many lights they have, but send me to Costco and I will get to work – 350 million on light bulbs? – us Christians can do better than that

How many Christians does it take to change a light bulb? – Well it depends on what type of Christian

- If you are Charismatic – only 1 because their hands are already in the air
- If you are Pentecostal – 10 – 1 to change the light bulb and nine to rebuke the Spirit of darkness
- If you are Presbyterians – none – Lights will go on and off at predestined times
- If you are Catholics – none – they use candles
- If you are a Unitarian – we choose not to make a statement either for or against light bulbs
- If you are Amish – what’s a light bulb?
- If you are a Baptist – at least 15 – one to change the light bulb and 3 committees to approve the change and decide who will bring the pasta salad and fried chicken – I’m sorry if you lived in the south, this joke is so much funnier

Why am I telling this joke – oh yeah because again the capital needs \$350 million to change the light bulbs – but Pastor Jason you need to understand, that is because light bulbs always burn out – well not always...

At the Livermore fire station in Livermore California there is a light bulb that has not burnt out since they installed it in, get this, in 1901 – check it out if you don't believe me

Picture Google Images “Longest burning light bulb” – use the one with the fire engine in the background

- they have a live webcam now so you can watch it and see if it is going out, but so far it hasn't for 125 years

The reason for this world record light bulb the experts say is well number one – they make them better then than now, we all know that

- But in reality, what the experts say listen up, listen to this – the reason it has lasted so long is because it never gets turned off – the reason it burns year after year, decade after decade is because it never gets turned off – it stays on all the time
 - It's never turned off
- It's the turning on and off, on and off, on and off that makes a bulb burn out quicker

You see this mother's day, every one of us in the this room can learn a spiritual lesson from what Mother's do naturally, practically

- mothers are always on
 - maybe out of necessity
 - totally out of love
 - but mothers are always on
- And that why they are so indispensable to our families - We thank you for that on this mother's day – you Moms!

But we can learn a spiritual lesson from this today

- we as believers need to stay on
 - like the light bulb - let me tell you who burns out spiritually, it is those who are on and off – into church into bible study for a week or two or three but then, off for a while, I don't really need to go this week, the weather is so nice, why do I need to go?
 - you read you bible for a day or two or three, but then I really want to sleep for a day or two or ten

You see precious friends, mothers don't do that – not the good ones

- And as Christians we ought not to as well
 - now don't misunderstand me – I am not talking about resting physically – the Bible commands us to have a day of rest a week, seasons of rest periodically – we need to rest – I am not talking about physically getting rest
- I am talking about spiritually saying – I don't need to stay on my game – I can kick back a little bit and not really take my walk with God seriously
 - I have been doing so good for 5 days
 - 5 weeks
 - 5 years!!!!

Listen something has been huge on my heart as I start to begin the later years of my life (Latter years? – what are you forty-eight? – you are not even middle aged? – I would agree with you, if I knew more 100 year olds – No one in my family has lived past 74, so I think 48 is the start of later years

- But here is what I want you to realize - that 75 percent of the people who fell in the bible, fell in the second half of their life – 75 percent!!!!

Why is that? – because I think in the later years we think, I have put in my time, I know those things – I have read the Bible, I have heard that sermon, I have studied the book of Romans

➤ I am going to check out

David was in his 50's when he fell with Bathsheba – why because He didn't go out to battle at the time when Kings were supposed to go to war

➤ instead he stayed home

○ I have put in my time

○ I have done that before

I will just kick back on my roof top and take it easy – oh what is that???

➤ Friends that I love with all my heart - May those of us who have ears to hear, let them hear

○ Those who think they stand, take heed, lest you fall

The apostle Paul says to his friend and son in the faith Timothy

“I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead... Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort... For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.” – 2 Timothy 4:1-5

➤ do you know what the word “ready” there in II Timothy chapter 4 means???

“Ready” means “to stay on”

It means to stay on, it means don't unplug from your active walk with Jesus - why???

- because precious ones if you do – you have a roaring lion looking for stragglers, looking for those who say, I don't want to stay up with it, I don't want to be on today

I don't really need to persist in prayer, I don't really need to stay consistent in the Word, I don't really feel like being consistent at church, what's the purpose, what's the point?

- the point is like with Deborah, a Mom for Israel in the book of Judges

Like with Mom's all over the world

- like with all of us here today – there is so much at stake

Aren't you tired of those being picked off the back of the pack?

- Aren't you tired of seeing so many fall by the wayside?
 - Then stay ready? In season, and out of season
 - Stay on!!!!
- Like Moms do naturally and physically...
 - Spiritually - We don't take vacations from Jesus – We don't take vacations from being “on” with Jesus

Like Deborah we live in a time that if you don't heed this call –who then??? –

- who is going to stay on for your family?
- who is going to stay on for your kids?
- Who is going to stay on for this church?
- Who is going to stay on for this community?
 - We need to stay ready
 - We need to stay on

Have them pray for one another in the family – Men for their wives, women for men, friends for friends