

3 PORTRAITS OF MOTHERHOOD

1 Samuel 1-2, Ruth 1-4, Titus 2:3-5

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Happy Mother's Day! God has provided numerous motherly figures in the Bible as role models for Christian women to follow. They were not perfect, but they were faithful. Hannah, Naomi, and the "Titus 2 Woman" are models for all Christian women today.

I. Hannah: A Praying Biological Mother (1 Samuel 1:1-2:10)

- A. Pray during affliction
- B. Pray for holiness, not happiness
 - i. Pray your kids would trust Jesus
 - ii. Pray your kids would love Jesus
 - iii. Pray your kids would serve Jesus...anywhere
- C. Pray, because God hears you

II. Naomi: A Caring Mother-in-Law (Ruth 1-4)

- A. Model your faith
- B. Care for their needs
- C. Show them your love

III. Titus 2 Woman: A Mentoring Spiritual Mother (Titus 2:3-5)

- A. Mentor younger women how to be a godly wife
- B. Mentor younger women how to be a godly mother
- C. Mentor younger women how to be a godly woman

TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

1. How has a motherly figure (biological, in-law, or spiritual mother) influenced you? How can you show your love and appreciation for them?
2. Who are the children in your life (biological, in-law, or spiritual)? How can you practically pray for and disciple them towards holiness?

FOR NEXT TIME— Esther 2:19-3:15, *The Enemy of the Jews*