



**Lessons From Mom
Selected Scriptures**

Hannah (1 Samuel 1:1-2:21) – Keep Praying and Keep Your Promise

Hannah was married to Elkanah who had another wife Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but in God's perfect plan for Hannah, he had kept her from having any children. On Mother's Day we celebrate motherhood. We must also be sensitive and compassionate to women who want to be a mom but aren't or can't. God loves them and has a perfect plan for their life that may never include children. We should support and love them and praise God for the wonderful things he's doing in their lives. Hannah went with her husband, Peninnah and her children regularly to the Tabernacle to worship God. One time Hannah poured her heart out to God and made a vow. If God would give her a son, she would give him to the Lord. God answered her prayer. Would you have been able to keep your promise and give your son to God? Hannah did. We should follow her example in prayer and keeping our promises before God.

**Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah – Believe God can do the Impossible
(Luke 1:26-38; 1:5-25; Genesis 12-21)**

Mary was a virgin mother. Elizabeth was an elderly mother well past childbearing age. Sarah was a new mom at the age of 90! These three mothers teach us that God can do anything! The angel Gabriel said to Mary, "For nothing will be impossible with God" (Luke 1:37). Do you truly believe God can do the impossible? It's natural to have doubts. Mary asked Gabriel how it could happen? Sarah laughed at the idea she would have a son. We don't know Elizabeth's response, but God made her husband mute until their son was born because he doubted God's word. Do you truly believe God can do the impossible? We should. God has proved it over and over again. Let's expect big things from God and let's pray for the impossible!

Jochebed (Exodus 1:8-2:10) – Trust God

Years after Joseph, a Pharaoh ruled Egypt that didn't know him and his family. He feared the number of Israelites, so he enslaved them, then ordered all the boys be killed. He first asked the Israelite midwives to do it who refused and kept the boys safe. Then he told the Egyptians themselves to throw the Israelites sons into the Nile River. Jochebed and Amram had a son. They hid him for three months until hiding him wasn't possible. So, Jochebed put her son in a basket and placed it in the Nile. His sister, Miriam, watched him. The Pharaoh's daughter found him, then Miriam asked her if she needed a nurse for the baby. The Pharaoh's daughter said yes. So, Jochebed became the nurse for her own son. When he was older Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and named him Moses. Jochebed trusted God with her son. She was willing to let him go because she knew God would care for him and had a great plan for his life. We must have that kind of faith in general and especially as we raise our kids.