

Mom's Legacy of Faith

Introduction: Briefly share the importance of Mother's Day and set the tone for celebrating the godly women who have shaped our faith and our world.

Part 1: Mommas of the Bible

MARY: MARY THE MOTHER OF CHRIST

There is more we don't know about Mary than what we do know.

But we do know that she had crazy courageous faith.

What was told her was both unthinkable and impossible.

Luk 1:31-32 (TPT) You will become pregnant with a baby boy, and you are to name him Jesus. [32] He will be supreme and will be known as the Son of the Highest. And the Lord God will enthrone him as King on his ancestor David's throne.

May asked how this could be since she was a virgin? The response...

Luk 1:37 (AMPC) For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.

Remember unlike today being unwed and pregnant in those days was a catastrophe. She risked being an outcast without family or friends and there was no support system. No welfare or any such thing.

Luk 1:38 (NAS95) And Mary said, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

The WORD was her support system.

That is crazy courageous faith and her faith is our legacy.

What an amazing Momma!

SARAH'S FAITH AND PATIENCE

We have all heard sermons about the faith of Abraham but how many sermons have been taught on the faith of Sarah?

Sarah was right there every step of the way with Abraham.

She was the one with a dead womb and an old man for a husband.

Heb 11:11 (TPT) Sarah's faith embraced the miracle power to conceive even though she was barren and was past the age of childbearing, for the authority of her faith rested in the One who made the promise, and she tapped into his faithfulness.

Heb 11:11 (AMPC) ... she considered [God] Who had given her the promise to be reliable and trustworthy and true to His word. [Gen 17:19; Gen 18:11-14; Gen 21:2]

This is the same report made of Abraham in Romans 4.

Sarah's story is a testimony of patience and faith in God's promises,

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JOCHEBED: THE MOTHER WITH A PLAN

Are you familiar with Jochebed? How about her son, Moses?

Exo 2:1-2 (AMPC) NOW [Amram] a man of the house of Levi [the priestly tribe] went and took as his wife [Jochebed] a daughter of Levi. [Exo 6:18, Exo 6:20; Num 26:59] [2] And the woman became pregnant and bore a son; and when she saw that he was [exceedingly] beautiful, she hid him three months. [Act 7:20; Heb 11:23]

Moses was born at a dangerous time

But his mother was not about to let danger harm her child.

She displayed faith and ingenuity

When she could no longer hide Moses she put him in a floating basket

But he didn't leave her life. She got paid to nurture him

Exo 2:9 (AMPC) Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages. So the woman took the child and nursed it.

Jochebed's faith and ingenuity not only saved her son but ultimately had a profound impact on the history of the Israelites.

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LOIS & EUNICE: CONTAGIOUS FAITH

Many times, too many times, the children walk away from the the faith.

But there is a faith that builds a legacy it passes from one generation to the next.

2Ti 1:5 (AMPC) I am calling up memories of your sincere and unqualified faith (the leaning of your entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), [a faith] that first lived permanently in [the heart of] your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am [fully] persuaded, [dwells] in you also.

Note: there is no mention of Grandpa or Dad? Why? Maybe cause they didn't share the faith.

The marriage of Eunice was a mixed race marriage.

Her husband was a Greek, and since his faith isn't mentioned it is conceivable that he was not a believer.

This makes the legacy of faith even more remarkable.

Eunice was able to overcome the obstacles and live a life of such honest, pure faith that her son, Timothy adopted her faith as his own.

2Ti 3:14-15 (NAS95) You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, [15] and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Paul was so impressed by Timothy's faith that he adopted Timothy as his own spiritual son but he gave credit to whom credit was due

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SUSANNA WESLEY: MOTHER OF METHODISM

Susanna gave birth to 19 children

She was a committed home scholar

Susanna Wesley's life exemplifies dedication to faith and family amidst adversity, including financial difficulties, health problems among her children, and the destruction of her home by fire twice.

Her commitment to education and religious practice left a lasting impact on her children and, by extension, on the religious movement they led.

Susanna Wesley is widely recognized as a significant figure in Christian history, not only for being the mother of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, and his brother Charles Wesley, a prolific hymn writer, but also for her own contributions to Christian education and spirituality.

Encourage the congregation to reflect on the women who have influenced their lives personally—mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mentors.

** Closing I want to borrow some words from Pro 31

Who can find an awesome, capable wife? She's worth more than the finest jewels. Her husband can rely on her, and she makes his life better every single day.

She's all about energy and strength, and works tirelessly.

She faces the future with strength and dignity, and she can laugh at the days to come.

When she talks, wisdom comes out, and she always gives kind advice.

She keeps an eye on her household and doesn't tolerate laziness.

Her kids respect and bless her; her husband can't stop praising her: "Many women do amazing things, but you—you're the best!"

Looks can be deceiving, and beauty fades, but a woman who respects the LORD deserves praise. Celebrate all she's achieved. Let her actions show everyone how remarkable she is.