



It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Mothers are amazing and complex creations. God commands us to honor our parents so that He can give us His full blessing. God gave us the gift of mothers to be our teachers and guardians. When we fail to honor our mother appropriately, we are also failing to honor God.

1. The Gift of **Acceptance** – Generally, in our minds our mothers are revered and flawless, but the truth is they all have flaws, issues, and a story. Do you accept that your mother has them as well? Are you able to look past those and accept her for who she is and what she has done for you?

Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-2; John 13:34; Matthew 15:4

2. The Gift of **Appreciation** – Appreciation is past oriented. Everyone has a basic desire or need to feel appreciated. Appreciation can take many different forms. One of the most appreciative acts ever done is to wash someone's feet, just as it was done for Jesus and by Jesus for his disciples-all 12. Have you ever washed your mother's feet-literally or figuratively? How are you showing appreciation for your mother?

Proverbs 1:1-7; Ephesians 4:11; Luke 7:36-50; John 13:1-15

3. The Gift of **Affirmation** – Affirmation is future oriented. We need to tell our mother's that we do love them and appreciate everything they do and have done for us. When was the last time you thanked your mother? What can you do or say to affirm your love and respect towards your mother?

Ephesians 6:3; Proverbs 6:20-23; Proverbs 31:25-31

- Show your mother that you **accept** her for who she is by getting to know her story.
- Your mother deserves to hear that you **appreciate** her.
- Offer your mother genuine **affirmation**.

What's Next

- Is your mother aware of your appreciation? Do something to show her that she is loved and valued by you.
- In what ways can you show acceptance and affirmation to your mother?
- What is your mother's story?
- Who will you not merely invite, but bring to church next weekend?