

# Summary

This Mother's Day sermon discusses two ways of being a mother - the traditional biological way and through spiritual/adoptive motherhood. Using the biblical story of Moses' mother Jochebed and Pharaoh's daughter, the pastor illustrates how both biological and spiritual mothers play crucial roles in nurturing and protecting children. The sermon emphasizes the importance of godly motherhood, whether through natural childbirth or through discipleship and mentoring of others who need maternal guidance.

## Intro Prayer

Lord, as we gather to discuss motherhood and Your design for nurturing relationships, open our hearts to understand Your perspective. Help us see the value You place on mothers and those with maternal hearts. Guide our conversation and reveal how we can better support and encourage the mothers in our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Ice Breaker

What is one thing your mother (or a mother figure) did that has stuck with you throughout your life?

## Key Verses

1. Exodus 1:22
2. Exodus 2:1-10
3. Hebrews 11:23
4. James 1:27

## Questions

1. How does Jochebed's story demonstrate both faith and wisdom in protecting her child?
2. What qualities did Jochebed instill in her children (Moses, Aaron, and Miriam) that helped them fulfill their unique callings?
3. How can mothers balance protecting their children while also trusting God with their lives?
4. In what ways can someone be a spiritual mother to others who aren't their biological children?
5. How does the story of Pharaoh's daughter demonstrate spiritual motherhood?
6. What are some practical ways we can support and encourage mothers in our church community?
7. How can mothers help their children develop their own unique relationship with God rather than forcing them to follow a specific pattern?
8. What role does faith play in both biological and spiritual motherhood?

# Life Application

This week, identify someone in your life who needs maternal guidance or encouragement. Commit to reaching out to them with intentional acts of love and support, whether through a phone call, a meal, or simply spending time listening to them.

## Key Takeaways

1. God is glorified through motherhood, both in mundane daily tasks and major acts of faith
2. Mothers should encourage their children's unique spiritual journeys rather than forcing them to follow an exact pattern
3. Spiritual motherhood through discipleship and mentoring is as valuable as biological motherhood
4. Faith and fearlessness are essential qualities of godly motherhood
5. The church needs more mature women willing to mentor and support younger women

## Ending Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of mothers and those with maternal hearts who nurture and guide others. Help us to honor and support them, while also embracing opportunities to spiritually parent those You bring into our lives. Give us wisdom to love others as You love us, and courage to step into the roles You've called us to fill. In Jesus' name, Amen.