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**Message: Mothers Deep Dive**

## **Scriptures for Today**

Ephesians 5:25–33 (TPT)

Proverbs 22:6 (TPT)

## **Opening Question — Follow-Up From Last Week**

Last week’s challenge reminded us: “God’s plan is not just to save you—but to form you, fill you, and function through you as part of His Church.”

**Call to Action Review:** What is one specific way you intentionally engaged, grew, or connected as a functioning part of the Body of Christ this past week—rather than remaining a spectator?

## **Mother Sermon Discussion Questions**

### **1. Created in God’s Image**

The sermon notes say: “*God created woman, along with man, in His own image... She derives her identity from God who is Spirit.*” How does understanding a woman’s identity as God-given reshape the way we honor mothers and women in general?

### **2. Designed to Fill the Lack**

God created woman because He saw something missing in Adam. What does this reveal about God’s intention for partnership, support, and relational strength?

### **3. The Nurturing Capacity of Women**

The notes describe women as nurturers, supporters, and enablers of others. Where have you personally seen the nurturing strength of a mother or mother-figure shape someone’s life?

### **4. Wisdom, Instruction, and Sensitivity**

The sermon highlights a woman’s unique capacity for wisdom, detailed instruction, and loving counsel. How have you experienced or witnessed this kind of wisdom in your own life?

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### **5. The Church as Mother**

Scripture portrays God as Father and the Church as Mother — the Bride of Christ and the Body of Christ. What does it mean for the Church to “mother” believers? How does this deepen our understanding of spiritual formation?

### **6. Husbands and Wives as a Picture of Christ and the Church**

(Ephesians 5:25–33) How does the husband-wife relationship reflect Christ’s love for His Church? What does this teach us about sacrificial love?

### **7. “The Hand That Rocks the Cradle...”**

The sermon emphasizes that the one who shapes a child early has enormous influence. (Proverbs 22:6) Why is early spiritual and moral formation so powerful — and how can the Church support it?

### **8. Loving the Person, Not Just the Benefits**

The sermon uses a wedding illustration: “*I don’t want you to take just my benefits — I want you to take me.*” How does this challenge the way we relate to Christ? Do we love Him for who He is, or only for what He gives?

### **9. Mothers as a Picture of God’s Love**

A mother conceives, carries, nourishes, comforts, teaches, and develops a child. How does this reflect the way God forms and cares for us spiritually?

### **10. Confusing the Medium with the Source**

The sermon warns that we often mistake the delivery system for the Source — like confusing the grocery store with the rain, sun, and seed God provides. Where in your life have you been giving credit to the “medium” instead of recognizing God as the true Source?

### **Closing Call to Action**

This week, intentionally honor the Source — not just the medium. Identify one blessing, relationship, or provision in your life and consciously trace it back to God. Then express gratitude to Him and allow that awareness to shape how you love, give, and serve others.