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Title: Mom... Everybody's Hero

Purp: Provoke people to embrace Biblical principles for raising kids and relating to their mother.

Spiritual Truth: Everybody needs a mom.

Text: John 19:25-27, 2 Timothy 1:5

Topic: Mother's Day, Parenting, Kids,

Series: Heroes

Series Purpose: Provoke people to follow the example of Biblical heroes.

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I. Introduction

A. **Video** : Epic Mother's Day Trailer www.worshiphousemedia.com/embed/product/59319

B. Review

B.1. Listen to messages @ChurchOnTheRock.org or on the COTR iPhone/ Android app

B.2. We've been doing a series called, "Heroes" and I can't think of a better hero to celebrate today than moms.

C. Title: Mom...Everybody's Hero

C.1. Today my wife LaNell and I will share the pulpit. She'll talk to moms and dads about raising kids and I'll talk to kids, little and big, about how to treat mom.

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II. LaNell (advice to parents on raising kids)

III. John's tribute to mom: what I remember most about my mother:

A. **She was and is always there for me.** Area PPK in Memphis, Navy graduation in Orlando, hospital at 57 in Texarkana and providing room and board whenever I go home.

B. **She loved me even when I did stupid things**, i.e. unconditional love. I know moms who visit a jail cell on Sunday's because that's where their son is.

C. **She shaped my spiritual life.** She always took me to SS and church. She got me a Bible and read me Bible stories when I was a child. 2 Tim 1:5 (NLT) I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and **your mother**,

Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. (My mom was shaping the spiritual life of a boy who would grow up to be a preacher and didn't even know it.)

IV. **Biblical advice to kids about their moms**

A. **Obedience in childhood (and honor in adulthood)**

A.1. Col 3:20 (ESV) **Children, obey** your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Even Jesus at 12 obeyed his parents. Luke 2:51 (ESV) And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was **submissive to them...**

A.2. Why is obedience such a big deal? Parents are God-ordained authority. If we learn to obey them we'll be submissive to civil authority and ultimately learn to submit to God's authority. If kids are rebellious at home, rebellion will define their life. Respect for authority is missing in our culture, e.g. for teachers, for police. The solution starts in the home, the building block of society. Obedience implies respect. I was taught to say yes mam and yes sir to show respect.

B. **Honor in adulthood**

B.1. Ephesians 6:2–3 (ESV) 2 “**Honor your father and mother**” (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” (God will bless me the same way I'm a bless my parents)

B.2. This is 1 of the 10 commandments. Def. honor: to show admiration, recognition and respect by words or actions because we value them. e.g. say words of thanks and affirmation to their face and to others/ my tribute above...I hope mom is listening.

C. **Take care of her.** John 19:25–27 (NLT) **Standing near the cross were Jesus' mother (and 3 other women)...** 26 When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, “Dear woman, here is your son.” 27 And he said to this disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

C.1. Jesus was suffering on a cross and made provision for his mother's care. The oldest son in a Jewish family was to provide for the care of the mother when the husband or father couldn't. Jesus gives us an example of how important it is to care for mom.

C.2. When we're little mom takes care of everything but when we get older we need to look out for her. Peter did this. Matthew 8:14–15 (ESV) And when Jesus **entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever.** E.g. cutting her grass or letting her move in, paying for her meal, helping her with her finances. This is difficult when mom lives far away. I don't feel I do a good job.

C.3. Sadly, some ignore this advice. Proverbs 19:26 (ESV) He who does violence to his father and **chases away his mother** (*i.e. to show contempt, to despise, to treat as worthless, to not respect.*) is a son who (NLT) is an embarrassment and a public disgrace. E.g. No matter what she has done or not done she still gave birth to us and deserves our respect and care.

C.4. Proverbs 23:22 (NCV) Listen to your father, who gave you life, and **do not forget** (NIV despise) **your mother when she is old.**

v. **Concl.: everyone needs a mom and every woman can be a mom to someone**

A. **Romans 16:13** (ESV) Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also **his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.**

A.1. Being a mom is more than biology; it's caring for and nurturing people. Paul was a grown man and needed a mom. This is an inspiration to every woman who has love to give. E.g. Karen Rayfield homeless, Karen Mote youth, Ruthie Wall preschoolers, Jean Lacy hospitality, Daphne Roy, Aneesah foster kids... Sometimes our families aren't perfect and special days bring tears to our eyes. Perhaps your healing can come when, like Rufus' mom, you are a mom to people in need.

vi. **Response: Mom's to the altar for prayer and gift**

A. **Michael's Video/ Prayer/ Souls**

B. *** *Logos Bible Software and library, Noah Webster's first edition of An American dictionary of the English language, The Bible Knowledge Commentary, The Gospel according to John/ Carson and John 12-21/ Borchert were used to prepare this message.*