

The Power of a Mother's Heart

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This day is not joyful for everyone.

- For some, your mother has passed away.
- Some of you may have painful memories of your mother.
- Some of you have not become mothers, but have a mother's heart.

Steps to Healing

Psalm 147:3 (CSB) *He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.*

If you do not have a family or do not have a family close by, we would be honored to become your family!

- God is your perfect parent.
- In Christ, we are part of a spiritual family where healing is possible.

Judges 4:1-3 (ESV) *And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord after Ehud (Judge #2) died. ²And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, ...he oppressed the people of Israel cruelly for twenty years.*

Judges 5:6-7 (CSB) *In the days of Shamgar son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the main roads were deserted because travelers kept to the side roads. ⁷Villages were deserted, they were deserted in Israel, until I, Deborah, arose, a mother in Israel.*

❖ The influence of a mother in the Bible is profound and far-reaching.

1. Jochebed - A Mother Who Trusted God

Exodus 2:2-4 (CSB) *The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son; when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months. ³But when she could no longer hide him, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with asphalt and pitch. She placed the child in it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. ⁴Then his sister stood at a distance in order to see what would happen to him.*

Child: Moses

- Jochebed hid Moses for three months in defiance of Pharaoh's decree.

- She risked her life to protect her son and placed him in God's hands.
 - *Influence: Her faith led to the deliverance of Israel through Moses.*
- ❖ The powerful heart of a God-trusting mother can shape a deliverer.

2. Hannah - A Mother Who Prayed and Dedicated Her Son

1 Samuel 1:10 (CSB) *Deeply hurt, Hannah prayed to the Lord and wept with many tears. ¹¹Making a vow, she pleaded, "Lord of Armies, if you will take notice of your servant's affliction remember, and not forget me, and give your servant a son, I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life...*

Child: Samuel

- Hannah prayed earnestly for a child and promised to dedicate him to the Lord.
 - She followed through on her vow, giving Samuel to God's service.
 - *Influence: Samuel became a prophet and leader of Israel.*
- ❖ The powerful heart of a praying mother can bring forth a generation of spiritual leaders.

3. Eunice and Lois - Mothers Who Taught God's Word

2 Timothy 1:5 (CSB) *I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and now, I am convinced, is in you also.*

2 Timothy 3:15 (CSB) *and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

Child: Timothy

- Lois and Eunice taught Timothy the Scriptures from childhood.
 - *Influence: Their spiritual instruction helped shape a key leader in the early church.*
- ❖ The powerful heart of a teaching mother can lay a foundation for a Godly lifestyle.

Proverbs 31:30 (CSB) *Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord will be praised.*

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