

Happy Mother's Day!



A Mother's Love



AN EXAMPLE OF TRUE LOVE

Attributes of a Mother



- Trust in God
- Sacrifice (Selflessness)
- Devotion



Trust In God



- “Whether your pregnancy was meticulously planned, medically coaxed, or happened by surprise, one thing is certain – your life will never be the same.” Catherine Jones

- Pregnancy can create fear of the unknown.
- What is going to happen over the next 9 months?
- How I am going to change?
- How is my life going to change?
- Is my baby going to be healthy?
- Am I ready to be a mother?

Mary's Trust



- ²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."
- ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.
- The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."
- ³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"
- ³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called ^b the Son of God.
- ³⁸ **"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."**
- Luke 1: 26-35,38

Mary's Trust

Mary trusted in God.

What did the angel's words mean?

How is Joseph going to react?

How would she be received by her family/community?

- During times when we don't know what is going to happen, what is our level of trust in God?
- Mary turned the whole situation over to God. Is that our response?
- Does our trust in God overcome our fears?

Sacrifice



- *If you can't make sacrifices for your kids you don't deserve them. A true parent would give their life and their very last breath!* unknown



Sacrifice



- Mothers sacrifice:
- Time
- Own Interests
- Money
- Dignity
- Careers

- But if you ask most mothers, they don't see themselves as sacrificing anything.



A Mother's Sacrifice



- **Putting Her Child's Future First**
- **2** Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket^[a] for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. Exodus 2: 1-4



A Mother's Sacrifice



- The woman in the story did not know what would happen to her child, but she knew he had a better chance to live.
- Her selfless act preserved Moses' life.
- *As Christians, what are we willing to sacrifice to help further God's Kingdom?*
- *Do we live our lives for ourselves or for God?*

A Mother's Devotion



- “A baby is something you carry inside you for nine months, in your arms for three years, and in your heart until the day you die.” *Mary Jones*



A Mother's Devotion



- **25 Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, [b] here is your son," 27 and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. John 19: 25-27**



A Mother's Devotion



- Mary was with Jesus as He suffered on the cross.
- *She got to:*
- *Hear the people mock Him.*
- *See the soldiers beat Him, crucify Him and spear Him.*
- *See her son's agony as He was dying.*
- *Hear Jesus cry out to His Father.*
- *See Jesus take His last breath.*
- *Hold her dead son.*
- *Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. **And a sword will pierce your own soul too.**"* Luke 2: 34-35
- Mary stood by Jesus during His darkest hour.
- Do we stand by our faith when our world is shaken?
- Do we cling to the Lord when things get tough?

Unconditional Love



- **4 Love is patient, love is kind.** It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.** **6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.** **7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.**

1Corinthians 13:4-7

- God's love for us is described in chapter 13 of 1st Corinthians.
- For many of us, a mother's love is the closest thing to God's love we are going to experience on Earth.
- Mothers love their children no matter what. That love was created by God, who is true love and who gave us His son unconditionally for our salvation.
- May we be thankful to God for our lives and His unconditional love. May we also be grateful to our mothers who fulfilled God's will by giving us life.

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