

## Honor Your Mother

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- Intro:
  - Happy Mother's Day !!
  - As we honor mom's today, we should rightfully understand why we have mother's day.
  - Mother's Day recognizes mothers, motherhood and maternal bonding that produce moral & positive contributions to society.
  - It was established by Anna Jarvis, with the first official Mother's Day Celebrated at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, on May 10, 1908.
  - Mother's should be HONORED .
    - It should happen everyday!
  - One of Our Core Values Hear at Crossroads is that we have a Culture of Honor
    - Its Core Value #3 - Hebrews 12:1 - says that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
      - We Honor those that have gone before us – they've laid a great foundation for us
      - We Honor those that labor among us.
      - We lay a foundation for those coming after us!
- Text:
  - Ephesians 6:1-3 (NLT) - *Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."*
  - Honor: (grk) Timao - fix a valuation upon; by implication, to revere: — honor, value.

### 3 Things Mom's Shouldn't Be

#### 1. Moms shouldn't have to Shout to be heard - Value The Voice

- a. She shouldn't have to shout & you don't have to mom - use the word because the word works
  - i. Proverbs 22:10 (niv)- *Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended.*
  - ii. Discipline drives out the mocker
- b. We should place value on her voice in our life
  - i. Some of the best advice I have received came from my mom - not my dad
  - ii. Mom's hear from God for the family too ...
    1. Mary Heard from the Lord regarding her son..
    2. Luke 1:35-38 (NLT) *The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. For the word of God will never fail."*  
*Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true."*  
*And then the angel left her.*

#### 2. Mom's Shouldn't Be Misunderstood - Hear The Heart

- a. Mom's want the best for their families

- i. Mark 3 – the crowds were gathering and his mother and family knew that they were going to try and hurt him
- ii. His mom wasn't trying to pull him off his purpose but keep him from harm

### 3. Shouldn't Be Disregarded - Respect The Request

- a. John 2:1-8 (NLT) - *The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled, he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions.*

Jesus respected his mom's request – what has your mom requested of you?

- Closing - Ephesians 6:1-3 (NLT) - *Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."*