

A MOTHER'S DAY CARD FROM GOD

Scripture: Proverbs 31:10

INTRODUCTION:

Well, today is Mother's Day! I have been asked to speak For me it is perhaps, one of the most difficult sermons to preach all year.

Why???

BECAUSE... while Mother's Day can be a very happy, joyous day... it can also be a very sad day ... a day of pain and grief. Not everybody looks forward to Mother's Day.

- * Maybe you have recently lost your mother...and you are experiencing the pain of your loss
- * Maybe you have lost a child... and your heart still grieves on Mother's Day. It's only been a year since losing my mom on April 11th, 2023
- * Maybe you are having difficulties with your mother... your mother wasn't the IDEAL mother we like to preach about... and you have bad memories of your mother.
- * Maybe you have some guilt feelings about your motherhood... and you have children problems...or marriage problems
- * Maybe you have never been able to have children... and Mother's Day isn't a joyous occasion for you.
- * Maybe you never had a real mother....and you were raised in a foster home or by relatives
- * Maybe you are a single mom... and are struggling with being a good mother to your children.
- * NOT every home is like the "Cleavers"... or the "Brady Bunch"... or "Father Knows Best"... or the "Ozzie and Harriet Nelson Family."
- * MAYBE your home is more like the "Ozzie Osbourne Family" than it is the "Ozzie Nelson Family"

Some of you have been raised in good Christian homes...HAVE wonderful parents... and are wonderful parents. I THANK GOD FOR YOU...
and YOU SHOULD THANK GOD TOO...AMEN!!!

TODAY, I want to ENCOURAGE woman... especially the Mothers. Each of you have been affected by Motherhood in one way or another..for good or bad.

EVERYONE here either:

- *HAS a mother
- *HAD a mother
- *IS a mother
- *IS MARRIED to a mother
- *OR KNOWS a mother
- * OR CARES LIKE A MOTHER

MOTHERHOOD has affected you one or another. I have a message for you today, this Mother's Day, . All Mother's Day cards have a little message printed inside of them. We go to great length and care to pick out one that matches our sentiments for our mother. It's important what's written in a Mother's Day card.

If you buy a Christian card, there is usually a verse of Scripture printed in the card. AND THAT'S WHAT GOD'S MOTHERS DAY CARD HAS IN IT.

Being Mother is not easy!

God doesn't bless you with Motherhood and then leave you to hang out to dry. He's given his Word...to encourage you...help you...bless you...comfort you... give you direction.!

GOD HAS A MOTHER'S DAY MESSAGE TO YOU... a verse that applies to you, as a Mother...just for you!!!

1. WHEN YOU FEEL DISCOURAGED: LUCY

MOTHERS...Have you ever been **DISCOURAGED**? Motherhood isn't for the weak or faint-hearted, is it? Mothers need a lot of encouragement...on a daily basis

LISTEN to what God writes on the inside of His Mother's day Card to you:

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.
29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

-Isaiah 40:28-31

When you feel like giving up..DON'T

(LUCY STANDS AND YELLS DON'T GIVE UP!!!)

WHY? Because God “understands” - 40:28b

Can you identify with 40:29 “He gives strength to the weary & the power of the weak”

HERE is your Word of encouragement from God...

“31. but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.”
- Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

10. So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
- Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

MOTHERS, when you get discouraged, open up God's Mother's Day Card, and read His message to you..

And then you can say along with the Apostle Paul... (which is one of my favorite verses)

MICHAEL READS:

“I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.”

- Philippians 4:13 (NIV)

2. WHEN YOU FEEL ANGRY:

(GRACE SHOWS AN ANGRY FACE OR FRAUSTRATION)

MOTHERS.. Have you ever gotten angry with your kids? If you haven't, you need to be nominated for sainthood!

LISTEN to what God has written on the inside of His Mother's Day Card to you:

“26. In your anger do not sin.

Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,”
- Ephesians 4:26 (NIV)

God doesn't say it's WRONG to be angry...but...He does say that you need to CONTROL your anger. God has a message for you... DON'T STAY ANGRY

There's a purpose for anger... you're supposed to get angry over disobedience...lack of respect...insolence, lying, cheating, etc. If you didn't get angry over it, but permitted it and encouraged it... you wouldn't be much of a Mother

BUT- DEAL WITH IT... and turn it into a useful tool...not a destructive tool.

“31. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

32. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

- Ephesians 4:31,32 (NIV)

TAMEKA READS.

Remember:

*“ 1. A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.”*

- Proverbs 15:1 (NIV)

When you feel angry, open up God's Mother's Day Card and read His message to you
Don't let your anger control you...let God control your anger

3. WHEN YOU NEED HELP:

ZOE HOLDS UP HANDS LIKE TO SURRENDER

MOTHERS... do you ever feel you're in the Motherhood business alone? I know you.. probably get lots of help from your Mother, Mother-in-law (?)...husband...

BUT... do you ever feel like you need more HELP?

OPEN UP YOUR MOTHER' DAY CARD TO YOU...
and see what He's written in it to you:

*“5. Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6. in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.”*
- Proverbs 3:5,6 (NIV)

*“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye upon you.”*
- Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

MOTHERS, YOU ARE NOT ALONE...LET'S READ SOME MORE MESSAGES...

*1. “God is our refuge and strength, a very present
help in trouble”*
- Psalm 46:1 (NIV)

*“14. Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart
take courage; yes, wait for the Lord.”*
- Psalm 27:14 (NIV)

DON'T GIVE UP-...HELP IS ON THE WAY... WAIT ON THE LORD!

*19.” And my God will supply all your needs according
to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus”*
- Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

STILL NOT CONVINCED...

*9. “Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time
we will reap if we do not grow weary.”*

- Galatians 6:9 (NIV)SA

Adalie will proclaim to the mothers:

**GOD IS NOT GOING TO ABANDON YOU...
HE IS ALWAYS THERE TO HELP!!!**

4. WHEN YOU FEEL ALONE:

MOTHERS... You can have a houseful of children...all wanting your attention the same time...AND STILL FEEL ALONE...RIGHT?

Let's see what God says to us in His Mother's Day Card this morning...

3. *"Call on Me, and I will answer you, and I will show you great and mighty things that you do not know."*
- Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

It's strange how we can be in the middle of a crowd, and still feel all alone. Jesus tells us

18. *"I will never leave you comfortless; I will come to you."* - John 14:18 (NIV)

JAMES (THROWS OUT A HUGE TO EVERYONE)

SOMETIMES...ALL WE NEED IS A HUG...FROM GOD...
JUST A REASSURANCE HE IS THERE.God tell us ...

"I will never leave you, I will never forsake you."
- Hebrews 13:5

When Jesus left this earth to return to His heavenly Father, he left this promise for us...

"And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."
- Matthew 28:20

MOTHERS... YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN RAISING YOUR CHILDREN... God has not abandoned you.! Whenever you feel lonely, just open up God's Mother's Day Card to you... and be assured that He is just a prayer... just a whisper away...

5. WHEN YOU FEEL TIRED:

Sometimes a "stay at home Mom" will be asked this question; "Do you work?" My first impulse was to punch them in the nose... my second impulse might be to laugh hysterically until I cry.

It's been estimated that if the typical mother were out in the business world, she would be worth at least \$700,000 a year.

She's a combination taxi driver, judge, lawyer, chef, coach, psychiatrist, teacher, preacher, doctor and so much, much more!!

Let me ask you again..."do you work?" That must be why you get so tired according to the job description.

AGAIN, LET'S OPEN UP GOD'S MOTHER'S DAY CARD, AND SEE WHAT HE HAS WROTE TO US....

"28. Come unto to me, ALL you who labour and are over burdened, and I will give you rest."

- Matthew 11:28

I know that you won't find rest by hiding in the closet... or by locking yourself in the bathroom (I've tried that!)

I do know that you'll find REST IN JESUS" As we read earlier....

1. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

- Psalm 46:1 (NIV)

Come to Jesus for some much deserved REST when you get to the end of your rope.

6. WHEN YOU ARE WORRIED:

Show me a Mother who never worries! You can't! WORRY is part of being a Mother. LET'S OPEN UP GODS MOTHER'S DAY CARD, and see what He has for us:

6. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

7. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

- Philippians 4:6,7

"Cast all your care upon Him, because He cares for you"

- I Peter 5:7

Mothers have broad shoulders...BUT... they don't compare to the broad shoulders of God, your, our Heavenly Father. HE CAN TOTE a lot more than we can.

An old Gospel song says: "Take your burden to the Lord, and leave it there."

MOTHERS... You don't have to worry, but I know you will anyhow.

YOU HAVE SOMEBODY to go to... Who is eagerly waiting for you to
unload on Him.

DON'T DENY HIM of the privilege of carrying your burdens for you!

After Service Song: Turn your Eyes Upon Jesus (chorus only)

CONCLUSION:

MOTHERS... God has sent you a Mother's Day Card.

AND...He has written some personal messages in it for you and me. Take this home with you and take it to heart.

Open it up when you need it the most. You will find it (and more) in His Word...the Bible.

REMEMBER, you are not lone in Motherhood...you can count on your Heavenly Father to be active in raising your children with you.

JUST GIVE HIM the opportunity to be your parenting partner.