

MESSAGE NOTES

Mother's Day

What God Wants to Say to Moms

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CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of May 12, 2024

GETTING STARTED _____

1. When you think of the characteristics of a mother, what things come to mind?

2. We often learn the good and bad from our family of origin. What are some things you have learned from your mom?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. How does your understanding of “a mother’s love” reflect how God loves us? Read **Romans 8:38-39** and **John 3:16**. Does this align with your original understanding?

2. The Bible contains many stories about moms, their successes, and their failures. Who is your favorite mother in the Bible? Why?

3. Listed below are some remarkable women in Scripture who happen to be mothers. Read the passages that correlate with their stories. What hope or lessons can we draw from them?
 - **Sarah – Genesis 16:1-6, 21:1-7**
 - **Hagar – Genesis 16:7-16, 21:9-21**
 - **Rebekah – Genesis 25:19-28**
 - **Jochebed – Exodus 2:1-10**
 - **Hannah – 1 Samuel 1**

4. According to **2 Timothy 1:5**, Timothy's mother and grandmother had a sincere faith. In your own words, what does it mean to have sincere faith?

If we have sincere faith, what might that do to our influence and to the people in our care?

5. Timothy's mother and grandmother were believers, but his father was a Greek unbeliever (**Acts 16:1**). What encouragement is this to a mom who is parenting in a difficult situation?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

In **Exodus 20:12**, we are commanded to honor our fathers and our mothers. Instead of honoring our moms only one day a year, what are some things we can do all the time to show them they are loved, honored, and valued?

PRAYER REQUESTS _____