

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Sunday, May 12, 2024



10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: THE MOTHER OF OUR LORD
Galatians 6:5-10
Pastor Gary Stump

Today I want to talk about the most famous mother in history: Mary, the mother of our Lord. Why have we mostly ignored the most famous mother in history? What can we learn about parenting from Mary?

Would Mary submit to God's difficult assignment?

Luke 1:28–38 (NLT) Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!"³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"³⁴ Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."³⁵ 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. ³⁶ 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. ³⁷ For the word of God will never fail."³⁸ Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

Mary is the mother of our Lord

Luke 1:42–43 (NLT) Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. ⁴³ Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me?"

Mary sings a Hymn of Praise

Luke 1:46 (NLT) Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. ⁴⁷ How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!"

Mary chose a righteous husband

Matthew 1:19a (NLT) Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man

Mary meditated on God's plan (she lived with her heart open to the Lord)

Luke 2:19, 51b (NLT) but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often... And his mother stored all these things in her heart.

Mary and Joseph were obedient (Torah-observant)

Luke 2:22 (NLT) Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Luke 2:41 (NLT) Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival.

Mary kept herself pure for marriage

*Matthew 1:24–25 (NLT) When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not have sexual relations with her **until** her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.*

Mary and Joseph had other children

Matthew 13:55–56 (TLV) "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't His mother called Miriam, and His brothers Jacob and Joseph and Simon and Judah? ⁵⁶ And His sisters, aren't they all with us? So where does He get all these things?"

Galatians 1:19 (NLT) The only other apostle I met at that time was James, the Lord's brother.

Mary was worried and surprised by her Son

Luke 2:41–50 (NLT) Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. ⁴² When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. ⁴³ After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, ⁴⁴ because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they couldn't find him,

they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there.⁴⁶ Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions.⁴⁷ All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.⁴⁸ His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere."⁴⁹ "But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"⁵⁰ But they didn't understand what he meant.

Mary focused on four areas of Jesus' development:

Luke 2:52 (ESV) And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

1) Intellectual, 2) Physical, 3) Spiritual, 4) Social

Mary trusted her Son to help

John 2:3-5 (ESV) When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Mary navigated a divided household

Mark 3:21, 31-32 (NLT) When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said...³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him. They stood outside and sent word for him to come out and talk with them.

Jesus' brothers didn't believe in Him

John 7:5 (NLT) For even his brothers didn't believe in him.

Jesus predicted He would divide families

Matthew 10:34-36 (NLT) "Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword."³⁵ "I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."³⁶ Your enemies will be right in your own household!

Mary chose Jesus over her family!

John 19:26-27 (NLT) When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, "Dear woman, here is your son."²⁷ And he said to this disciple, "Here is your mother." And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

Jesus appeared to James after His resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:7 (NLT) Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles.

James and His brothers believed

Acts 1:14 (NLT) They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

James the leader of Jerusalem church

Acts 15:13, 19 (NLT) When they had finished, James stood and said, "Brothers, listen to me...¹⁹ And so my judgment is that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God."

Some of his brothers were traveling evangelists

1 Corinthians 9:5 (NLT) Don't we have the right to bring a believing wife with us as the other apostles and the Lord's brothers do, and as Peter does?

God brought their family back together!

SO WHAT? What can you apply from Mary's example?

If you have unbelieving children, will you trust God to bring them to Jesus?

Let's give Mary and our mothers the honor they deserve!

Ephesians 6:3 (NLT) If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."



ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

1. LADIES' SPRING TEA--MONDAY MAY 13 @ 6:30 PM AT ONWARD. Join us for light refreshments, a testimonial, and "purse trash" bingo prizes! Bring your favorite teacup if you'd like to! Sign up on the sheet posted in the lobby or by texting Jen Sebestyen (317) 601-6001

2. PRAYER & SHARE—WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 @ 7PM—Please join us for an hour of prayer

3. FISHERS COMEDY & MAGIC SHOW—JUNE 1 @ 7PM—Live on stage at Onward will be Leland Klassen, Bob Smiley, Robert G. Lee, plus our own David Pendleton. Tickets \$20. To purchase:
<https://fisherscomedyandmagic.com/box-office>

4. YOUTH CAMP JUNE 19-22 @ CAMP INDICOSO, SPRINGVILLE, IN. Camp Indicoso, 1558 Sieboldt Quarry Road, Springville, Indiana. Arrival: 11am on Wednesday, June 19. Return: Pick up on Saturday, June 22 at 4pm. Cost: \$350/pp, (\$300/pp for multiple siblings, same family). Can pay cash or check payable to "Mission Christian Academy." You can give the money to Jerry Ackerman.

5. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES EACH FRIDAY AT 7AM

6. PAL ("PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES") MEETING—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact nancy1108smith@gmail.com or 317-508-8149.

7. GIVE BIBLES IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE—The Gideons have provided a display on the counter in the foyer for you to give God's word in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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