

A TIME FOR REFLECTION – [Pastor Gene Henderson]

This should be the front page. Nothing more need be said.

The mother of James and John came to Jesus with her sons. She got down on her knees before Jesus to ask something of Him. He said to her, "What do you want?" She said, "Say that my two sons may sit, one at Your right side and one at Your left side, when You are King." (Matthew 20:20-21 NLV)

James and John took a bunch of heat from the other disciples of Jesus for this. The issue in the minds of everyone involved (everyone except Jesus) had to do with the prized political positions of power that would develop after Rabbi Jesus became King Jesus. The rest of the disciples reacted with understandable anger at the blatant power grab by James and John.

Curiously, no one blamed their mother. In fact, when Mark (Peter's nephew) records the story, he doesn't even mention the mother. Why not? Again, the answer is obvious. With James and John we're looking at naked ambition. But who blames a mother for wanting the best for her boys? That she took the step of approaching Jesus – on her knees, no less – to make her request should only commend her. *In another place the Bible advises us to approach God boldly to make our requests.* She did that.

It wasn't the first time. Moses' mother hid her son from the Pharaoh's hit team. And when the child was discovered and taken into the Pharaoh's palace by one of the royal family, she volunteered – and was hired – to become the child's nanny.

Jesus' mother discovered an impending problem at a huge wedding. She went to the master of ceremonies and told him, *"Whatever my son tells you to do, do it."* Her intention was clear – it was time for people to see her Son for Who He really was. She was right. It turned into one of the big reveals of Jesus' life.

So what's the take-away? Are mothers biased? *Guilty as charged.* Are mothers bold? *Guilty as charged.* Are mothers beautiful? *Guilty as charged.* Are mothers perfect? *Not hardly – they produced you!* But whether they are still with us or not, today we open grateful hearts and say:

"Father God, thank you for my mother. Without her I would not have life. Or a future."

Welcome!

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"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity In Prayer: 6:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;
Kid's Club & Youth

Prayer ½ hour before services



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Bible Study – We are studying the Book of Romans. We will be meeting in the basement during the winter to save on fuel costs.

Snacks For Children – There is a basket in the foyer for donations of snacks for Children’s Church and Wednesday night Kid’s Club.



March For Life New York will have their third annual march in Albany on June 4th, 2018. All are meeting at 10:30 AM at the Children’s Memorial at Empire State Plaza for prayer. Then we will be marching to the State Capital steps for a Pro-Life Rally. We encourage all to plan to attend. Jeremiah 1:5: **“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”**

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SERMON NOTES

WILL THE REAL MOM PLEASE STAND UP?

TEXT: 1 Kings 3:16-28

The _____ of motherhood are found in the Word of God.

1. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A _____ MOTHER

No one needs to be treated with more _____ than our mother.

Solomon was _____ about these two women because God was _____ about them!

Perfection only comes as we _____ getting closer to the Lord – through Bible reading and prayer.

We must be willing to _____ the _____ in others and be a catalyst, which helps them reach perfection.

2. GOD HAS _____ FOR A MOTHER’S PROBLEMS

Don’t look for _____ - _____ motherhood or life, it doesn’t exist. God wants and able to assist moms in the _____ they encounter.

God is extremely _____ to children.

3. THERE’S NOTHING LIKE A MOTHER’S _____

Personal _____ is a pivotal part of motherhood.

We honor moms for all the _____ they do.

Respond to moms with great _____ and _____.

- a. We must be willing to _____ all for Jesus.
- b. We must be willing to _____ the sacrifice of others.