



“Faith is not knowing what the future holds, but know Who holds the future.”

May 13, 2018

Jesus and Mary His Mother

One of the statements Jesus made while hanging on the cross was specifically to His mother who witnessed the gruesome crucifixion scene. I cannot imagine Mary’s pain as she watched Jesus suffer and die, but I believe she took comfort in Jesus specifically talking to her during his darkest hour.

Let me set the scene. Mary is standing near the cross with a few other people, including the Apostle John. Jesus gazes at them from the cross and says: “Woman, behold, thy son!” Then He saith He to the disciple, “Behold thy mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home (Jn. 19:26b-27)

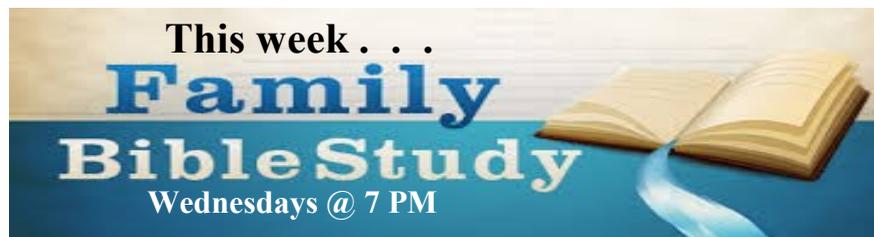
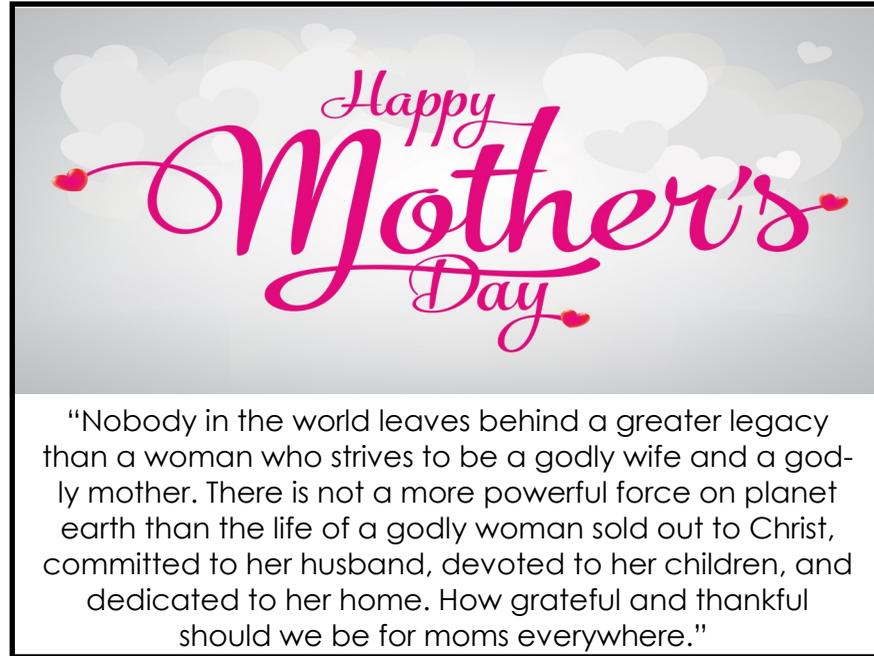
Jesus fully understood the need to take care of His family right up to His very last breath. His example to us is clear—we need to take care of our families for as long as we have breath.

I see three key things in these final words Jesus spoke to His mother. First, I see the need to love our family selflessly. Jesus first saw His mother’s face from the cradle, and now He sees His mother’s face in the middle of a crowd filled with people who hate Him. His selfless love for His mother in the midst of unimaginable pain and suffering is an example to us all.

Second, Jesus teaches us to leave our family thoughtfully. Jesus knew His mother would need support after He departed, so He looked at John and said to him, “Behold, your mother.” He wanted John to treat Mary as his very own mother from this point forward. Jesus knew John would have a long life and would outlive Mary such that he would be able to take care of her until she passed.

Finally, Jesus shows us how to lead our family spiritually. The Scripture tells us that from the very point where Jesus transfers responsibility of Mary to John, the disciple “took her into his own home.” John was a true believer and disciple, so Jesus knew John would lead His mother spiritually and care for her based on the teachings of God.

Pastor Mark



Silent Auction
May 13 - Ballot distribution
May 20 - Ballot collection
We will strive to contact individuals ASAP after auction closes and notify you when items may be collected.
Questions? Let us know

Please sign up with Paula today for food needed for May 27 fellowship meal following the morning service. Please make this a priority to attend.



At Your Request

Prayer Request:

Name: _____

Need: _____

Please do not publish this request.

Please let others know of this request.

Visitation Request:

Mr. Mrs. Miss _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Reason _____

Ministry Service Request:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

I wish to volunteer for: _____

Media Order Request:

CD _____ Quantity

Title: _____

Message#: _____

Your Name: _____

All media may be received one week from date ordered.

Please use this form to communicate to the church office for any need.

(Please give to usher at the door as you leave the morning service.)

Weekly Check-In

Please take a moment to complete the following information each Sunday

Attendee Name(s):

Address (only if first time)

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone number(s) _____

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Birthdates: _____

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Comments: _____



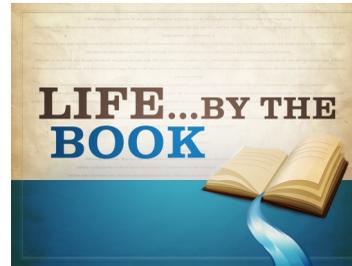
Thanks for your concern and care:

May 20 - I will try to announce my future ministry plans (following AM service)

May 27 - I will try to share my heart about ministry (during 9:30 Sunday School)

By the Book Bible Study from Mark Wash

This Week (May 13)
Matthew 24 {pt. 4} - Lesson #46
Next Week (May 20)
Matthew 25 {pt. 1} - Lesson #47
"The Bible is the world's greatest book to study."



Self-study guide on the table in the lobby. Get started today!



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Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Morning Service: 10:30 AM

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM

Always Welcome!

