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Christ-like Mothers are the Greatest

What is a Mother?

She's a wife, mother, friend, housekeeper, interior decorator, laundress, gourmet chef, short-order cook, chauffeur, painter, wallpaper hanger, seamstress, nurse, guidance counselor, internal affairs CEO, financial planner, travel agent, administrative assistant, disciplinarian, preacher, teacher, tutor, spiritual advisor, dietician, lecturer, librarian, fashion coordinator, private investigator, cheerleader, manicurist, pedicurist, landscaper, hair stylist, psychologist, plumber, computer programmer, automobile maintenance expert, referee, and gift purchasing agent for both sides of the family. She may not get a salary, but the fringe benefits are invaluable: hugs, kisses, and buckets of love.

Our mothers have a special role in our lives, from our birth to every landmark in our lives, from our first stumbles to our first achievements. They have always been there for us.

The bible also tells us stories of such mothers.

1. Salome, the mother of James and John, sons of Zebedee. In Matthew 20:20-21, we see her talking to Jesus requesting that her sons be designated places of honor in His kingdom. It was her desire to ensure that her children would have an advantage over the others. It was out of her protectiveness for her sons that prompted her to make this request from Jesus.

We would think that her request was presumptuous, but Jesus understood where she was coming from. It is natural for mothers to want the best for their children. Like every great mom, she prayed for her boys and regards them highly to dream great dreams for them ...and would not accept any attacks or criticisms of her boys who are doing just fine as part of the inner circle of Jesus. This is something every or any great mom will do. . . but sometimes the motivation is selfish and like in this case Salome did not know what she was asking for. She wanted greatness, power and position for her children . . . but then Jesus corrected this belief by re-orienting and re-defining greatness. We see Jesus answer in Luke 24:22 ***But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to Him, "We are able."*** ²³ ***He said to them, "My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father."*** Jesus was saying that greatness does not come from position and power but rather from drinking the cup.

What is this cup?

In Luke 22:42 ***And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, 42 saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."*** ⁴³ ***Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground"*** Jesus is talking about a cup of suffering, a cup of giving away yourself, a cup where you will have to die to yourself and do things for others so that others will benefit. This is the cup the Jesus was referring to. Jesus Himself was in agony as He prayed to the Father at the Garden of Gethsamane. This is the very same cup that Jesus was referring to when he spoke about greatness.

Jesus later called the other apostles to Himself saying ***"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, & their great men exercise authority over them. 26 It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, 27 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.***

These are the two key words: SERVANT and SLAVE.

This is Jesus' definition of greatness. To be a servant and to be a slave. This is selfless-ness and humility. This was exemplified to us by Jesus Himself. This is what it means to be Christ-like. To serve and be a slave.

Mothers are naturally wired to become servants and slaves. . . to be selfless and humble. Mothers would give up everything even their own lives for their children. But although motherhood and Christlikeness is similar in some ways, there is still something greater. Mothers can be greatest when they are Holy Spiritually Christ-like.

What does this mean?

Mothers on your own you can exhibit characteristics of Christlike-ness but many times you are Christlike only to your children. To become the greatest, you have to be Christlike to all. . . and this is only possible if you are Holy Spiritually Christ-like.

Philippians 2:3-8 *Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

If a mom were self-less and humble to the point to death. . . she would be the greatest mom!

2. Jochebed, the mother of Moses.

She is one of the greatest moms that ever lived because of her legacy. In Exodus, we see the story of how she placed Moses in a basket and sent him down the Nile, where he was found by Pharaoh's daughter and adopted. Moses was returned to her to be nourished and cared for and at the appropriate time, he was returned to Pharaoh's daughter to become a Prince of Egypt. Jochebed gave up Moses twice. In that time, there must have been something that she did because if it was not for Moses Christianity would not be here today. It was because of her that Moses grew in the Lord. It was from her that Moses learned and trained when he was growing up. And it was because of this that in Hebrews 11:24, Moses was recognized as a man of faith. It says ***By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.***

Moses delivered the Israelites out of Egypt, but it was Jochebed who trained him. She instilled in him what he needed to learn, so that when he grew up he choose to be an Israelite and to bring them out of Egypt.

3. Loise and Eunice, the grandmother and the mother of Timothy

They likewise are two of the greatest mothers in history because of their legacy.

2 Timothy 1:5 ***For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.*** This shows us intentional discipleship. The faith was being transferred from one person to another. 2 Timothy 3:15 ***and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.***

These women showed us that Christ-like moms are the greatest because of the life changing legacy they leave behind.

How then can moms become Holy Spiritually Christ-like?

1. Have the Holy Spirit dwell & fill you by being BORN AGAIN in the Spirit.

This is a requirement for greatness, for growing into Christlike-ness. Many Christians are unsure about this step, not knowing that this is an important step because without being truly born again, the Holy Spirit can not dwell in us.

2. Be DISCIPLED towards CHRIST-LIKE maturity (Self-less Humility)

We need to be led into Christlike-ness. Mothers who are naturally disciplers, would be greatest if they can be disciplined and can disciple others towards Christlike-ness.

3. DISCIPLE OTHERS (your natural and spiritual children) towards CHRIST-LIKE maturity so they do the same to others resulting in a legacy that pleases and honors God.

Works: Journaling task

1. What is a mother to you? What are her greatest characteristics?
2. Is it possible to be a Christlike mother who is powered by the Holy Spirit? Am i willing to be that kind of mother?
3. As a mother (parent), what is the greatest legacy i can leave my children?