

MOTHERS AND SITUATIONS MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE

John 19:26-27

Introduction: All of us are familiar with family situations because each of us came from a family and most of us have our own family. As we all know there are countless family situations and countless behaviors exhibited within each family. Mothers are the ones who seem to be the most remembered when the children grow up. Have you ever seen a great big hunk of a man who plays professional football wave and throw a kiss at his mom when he is on television? It's not usually dad, but it's mom that respect and adoration is publicly shown. Our text shows that Jesus exhibited that as in His dying moments He made sure that His mother was going to be taken care of. The Bible reveals many mothers and some situations that came up in their lives.

1. Eve and Adam had a family tragedy. One of their sons killed his brother (Cain and Abel).
 - She grieved over the evil her son Cain had done.
 - She grieved over the death of her son Abel.
 - However God blessed her with another son, Seth.
 - How similar are family behaviors of today. Mom's have a heavy load.
2. Sarah, wife of Abraham, had family problems.
 - Her husband passed her off as his sister out of fear.
 - She was outspoken, independent, uninhibited, childless, up in years.
 - She had her servant sleep with her husband to give her a child.
 - She then became pregnant by God's promise.
 - She had her son, then ran off the servant and her child.
3. Hagar, servant of Sarah, was the woman Sarah had sleep with her husband Abraham.
 - She had a son, Ishmael from whom the Arabians of today came from.
 - Sarah sent her and her son out into the wilderness not caring what happened to them.
 - God took care of Hagar and her son.
4. Lot's wife (not named) had two daughters.
 - Seemed to be too concerned with things she had grown up with and cared about.
 - When God instructed Lot to take his family and flee and not look back as He destroyed their city, she did and was turned to stone.
 - She didn't listen to her husband or to God.
5. Rebekah, wife of Isaac, had twin boys, Esau and Jacob.
 - Esau was a "daddy's boy" and Jacob was a "momma's boy."
 - Jacob deceived his brother and with his mother's help deceived his father as well.
 - She had to send her favorite son away to save his life and for him to find a decent wife.
 - In spite of Rebekah's manipulations at first, God made a great man out of Jacob.
6. Jochebed (*Exodus 2:1-10; 6:20*), wife of Amram did something most mothers would never dream of doing.
 - Jochebed took her infant son, put him in a straw basket, put the basket into a river, had her daughter follow the basket from the river bank until someone caught the basket and got the baby out.

- The baby's name was Moses.
- The princes who pulled the baby out of the basket asked Jochebed to raise the baby for her.
- Jochebed got to raise her own son after all. God had intervened.

7. Job and his wife had one tragedy after another until seven sons and three daughters were killed in one day.
 - Her husband, Job became afflicted.
 - Their property was destroyed.
 - She remained loyal to her husband, even though she gave him some bad advice.
 - God blessed them and they had more children than ever as well as wealth.

8. Hannah was childless, barren and was being made fun of by the other women who had children.
 - She asked God for a son in a deal she was willing to make with Him.
 - God gave her a son, Samuel and keeping her part of the deal, at the proper age, she took him to God's House and turned him over to God.
 - What other mother could do such a thing?

9. The Shunammite mother opened her home up to a traveling preacher, Elisha.
 - She was barren, had no children, so God gave her a son.
 - Her son was stricken with a heat stroke and she called for Elisha to come help - he did, the son lived.
 - This woman opened up her home to one of God's men, was blessed with a child.

10. Jezebell, wife of king Ahab was a wicked wife and mother.
 - Jezebell killed to have her own ways.
 - Her sons and daughters grew up to be like her, evil.
 - She died a horrible death because of her evilness and disrespect of God.

11. Two mothers who fought over a child.
 - One woman stole the child from another and claimed the child was her own.
 - King Solomon made the decision to cut the child in half and give each woman half of the child.
 - The true mother was revealed when she said to give the child to the other woman.
 - Selfishness can be found in mothers as well as unselfishness.

12. Widowed mothers are also mentioned:
 - Ruth lost her husband and sons, but had a daughter in law who stayed with her.
 - A mother of two with no money and famine all around had a preacher (Elisha) work a miracle by giving her an unlimited supply of oil and flour.
 - Others are mentioned in God's word who had difficult times.

13. Elizabeth, the mother of a son who became known as John the Baptist.
 - John was raised "in Church."

14. Mary, wife of Joseph, mother of Jesus.
 - She was chosen by God to be the one to give birth to God's son, Jesus.

15. The Gentile mother who wanted Jesus to heal her afflicted child and refused to leave until He did so.

16. The Mother and Grandmother of Timothy (Eunice and Lois).
 - They taught Timothy the Word of God from his childhood.
 - Timothy grew up in a praying, worshipping home.
17. A widowed mother lost her only son.
 - Jesus stopped the funeral procession and raised the son to life.
 - What joy that mother must have experienced.

CONCLUSION:

1. Mothers be aware that your children will in all probability adopt your ways when they are grown and out on their own including all your good ways as well as your bad ways.
 - From you they can learn about God.
 - From you they will learn how to love, or hate and hurt.
 - From you they can learn to obey and trust God.
2. There are all kinds of mothers:
 - single moms, married moms, divorced moms.
 - with unruly children, step children, adopted children
 - who have lost children to sickness or a tragedy
 - who are having family-husband problems.
3. There are two divine institutions on earth:
 - The Church with Jesus Christ as Head
 - The Home
4. Who does not owe his/her mother something?
 - You owe your very life to your mother.
 - You owe your morals and values to your mother.
 - You owe your memories of growing up to your mother.
 - Happily in many situations, you owe your salvation to your mother for helping you find the Lord.
5. Let's everyone give all mother's a hug today.