

## WHOEVER HEARD OF A SELFISH MOM

### Proverbs 31:10-13

**Introduction:** Kids fight over stuff all the time so picture this scene in the kitchen as two brothers were fighting over the last cookie. Their mother interrupts and says, "I'll just eat it myself!" There was dead silence then one of the brothers said, "...awwww, whoever heard of a selfish mom...." That is so true. Mothers are not selfish when it comes to their children. As this is Mother's Day recognition, let's recognize some mothers of the scriptures:

1. **JOCHEBED:** The daughter of a priest and had three children: Miriam who was a poet and singer, Aaron who became a spokesman and high priest for Israel, and then there was Moses. Her sacrifice as a mother was rewarded by the lives of her three children.
2. **HANNAH:** She was barren for years but that barrenness was broken by an unselfish agreement/covenant with God. A son was born and at the designated time she gave him back to God. Thus from this unselfish mother came Israel's greatest priest and prophet - Samuel.
3. **NAOMI:** She put aside her loneliness and sorrow over the death of her husband and then her two sons and she lovingly and unselfishly cared for her daughter in laws Orpah and Ruth. Her unselfishness was rewarded by Ruth marrying Boaz and becoming a part of the lineage of the Messiah.
4. **ELIZABETH:** The daughter of a priest and wife of a priest was barren for years. However she became the mother of the forerunner of Jesus, John, the Baptist. She reared her son in the ways of the Lord and then lost him to his calling. She was rewarded by Jesus when He said, "*...verily I say unto you, among those born of women, there hath not risen a greater than John, the Baptist...*"
5. **MARY:** There has been no woman more blessed of God. She was entrusted with the motherhood of God's own Son. What a responsibility! What a privilege! What a privilege she must have felt as she saw Jesus grow and become a man, knowing what He had been born to do. What grief she must have felt as she saw her own flesh and blood hanging on a cross. Would that mother have traded places with her son on the cross?
6. **Are There Really Any Selfish Mothers?**
  - Do mothers still sacrifice their own desires, pleasures, even careers to be with their children?
  - Do mothers resent the hours spent in cooking, washing clothes, wiping crayon marks off the walls, scrubbing footprints off the freshly waxed floors?
  - Do mothers who have to work come home too tired to be bothered with the needs of her children?
  - Ah! Mothers! Not a selfish thought or deed. Laying your lives on the line to give birth. Sacrificing all our life to give to your children. Willing to trade places in a second with that suffering child.

- But! Mother! What are you giving your child spiritually? Are you seeing to it that your child is taught God's Word? Are you praying that your child will come to know the Lord Jesus? Are you living as you want your child to live someday?
- MOTHER! Have you reared your child in such a way that when the time comes for him/her to leave your watchful eye and go out into the world, that you will have peace in your heart, knowing you have done all you could?

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Mothers! So unselfish! So giving of themselves! There can be no greater tribute paid you , as a mother, than hearing your children say, "...nobody ever heard of MY mom being selfish...!"
2. Mom! Are you satisfied with what you have been doing? Are there any changes you see you need to make? Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?