

# *Moms: God's "not so silent" partners. Luke 1*

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Motherhood is one of the clearest pictures of Divine Partnerships we have available to us. Although people become "mothers" for many different reasons, there are no "Divine" accidents.

Psalm 127:3 reminds us that *"children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."*

1 Corinthians 3:9 *"we are laborers together with God."*

This morning I'd like to look at History's most famous "mother" to illustrate this truth.

### **Mothers (like Mary):**

## **1. Partner in the "Procreation" of a child. (Pregnancy)**

*Wouldn't it be easier if the stork just brought them?*

Luke 1:28 *"Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee."*

*charito'ō; to grace, that is, endue with special honor!*

### **A. It Doesn't Always Seem Like A Blessing.**

- 1) Pregnancy is rarely easy or convenient.
- 2) Mary's pregnancy was particularly complicated as she was
  - a) Unmarried
  - b) Forced to travel in the end
  - c) Forced to give birth in a stable

### **B. Notice Mary's Response To God's Invitation**

*"Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."* Vs 38

- 1) Just as Mary submitted to God's will, Motherhood involves a steady diet of "submission" to the incredible task before them.
- 2) God's still partnering with Mothers in the procreation of children! Ps 139:16; Jer 1:5

## **2. Partner in the "Preparation" of the Child.**

### **A. God uses flawed instruments to work with and through!**

- 1) Mary, like all mothers, wasn't perfect! *"my spirit hath rejoiced in God my savior!" v 47*

At least twice during his ministry, Mary "butted in" and was rebuked. (Jn 4:4; Mt 12:48-50)

- a) Mary didn't allow her "mistakes" to stop her!

(1) She learned from them (2) Leaned on God (3) Kept on loving and serving!

- 2) The Proverbs 31:10-31 Woman has "intimidated" women for 3000 years! 10 *"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."*

- a) Virtuous (hayil) doesn't mean flawless; but Forceful and Faithful!

- b) This was inspired by Bathsheba! Pr 31:1 *"The words Lemuel, ... that his mother taught him!"*

(1) She called him "Lemuel" (*Dedicated to God.*)

(2) 2 Sam. 12:24 *"David called his name Solomon" (Peace)*

(3) 2 Sam 12:24,25 *"and the Lord loved him ... and called his name Jedidiah" (Beloved of God!)*

### 3. Partners in the Separation (Pain) of the child

#### A. Mary associated with Jesus,

- 1) During his maturing (Lk 2)
- 2) His ministry Her name is often among the disciples.
- 3) His misery! While His *"disciples forsook him and fled"*, She stood faithful! Jn 10:25,26  
Simeon had predicted this! Lk 2:34,35 *"Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many ...; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,."*

His pain cut deeply into her Mother's heart! Many a mother has felt this!

#### B. Despite the pain, she remained faithfully by his side.

- 1) You'll find mothers like that in the halls of hospitals and in the counselors' offices.
- 2) Mothers never relinquish the title, even if the child is rebellious, harsh, foolish or cruel.

#### C. God uses an eagle to illustrate the Challenges of Change. Deut. 32:11,12

*"As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the LORD ... did lead him"*

- 1) Moms have a powerful "nesting" instinct! They're natural "comforters".  
Titus 2:5 *"keepers at home"* (Oikourgos': domestically inclined, guardians)
- 2) Moving from complete dependence to independent "flight" is a Precarious Process!
  - a) If you think the "Terrible Twos" were rough, Wait for the "Turbulent Teens years"!
  - b) Parents (and God) knows that there's danger in staying in the nest too long!  
So they're willing to pay the price of preparation!
- 3) Is God "stirring up" your nests?
  - a) Many of our "hard times" may simply be "preparations for flight!".
  - b) We're not called to "succeed", but to obey.
  - c) Therefore, our failures need not be final!
  - d) Faith doesn't grow through comfort, But through Crisis!

**CONCLUSION:** Perhaps Mary was chosen because she could most clearly represent the heart of most mothers who share and bear the: **The Struggles of Procreation; The Battles of Preparation; and The Pain of Separation (watching them struggle).**

Mary never quit and so had the privilege to see God's entire plan played out. She suffered through the rejection and crucifixion of her son; but endured to celebrate his resurrection, AND was privileged to be a part of the birth of the Church on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 1:14)

Gal. 6:9 *"Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not."*

**APPLICATION:** Is. 40:31 *"They that wait Wait {qāwâ: to bind together} upon the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings as Eagles"*

Are you willing to "bind" your heart, soul, and mind together with God to accomplish His Purposes through you?

*"Lord, who am I to show the way, to my little children day by day; so prone myself to go astray. I teach them knowledge, but I know, how feeble and how low, the candle of my knowledge glows. Lord, if their guide I still must be, Oh let my little children see, their mother leaning hard on Thee".*

The children of Family Circus were once discussing babies. One of the young experts announced: "Storks don't bring babies. They come UPS." Some of the other children had different ideas, but the best was saved for last. **"Babies are connected to their mothers by a biblical cord."**