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Sunday"

A MOTHER'S LOVE

Introduction: There is nothing on this side of Heaven so amazing as a mother's love. History is filled with thousands of stories of the unbelievable sacrifices made for a child by the child's mother.

Illustration: I was reading a story by D. L. Moody of a precious woman in Pennsylvania. Her son was arrested and tried and found guilty. This same mother moved to the area and there purchased a house near the prison just so she would be close to her son. Within a few years the boy became sick and died in prison. He was buried in a local graveyard. The mother visited every-

single-day the gravesite of her son. Her last request was to be buried beside her son. To this day, outside of the prison can be seen the burial places of a mother and son side by side.

Here in **II Samuel 21:10-14** is another true story that reveals a mother's love.

"And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night."

FIRST: THE CAUSE OF THIS SORROW.

II SAMUEL 21:2-3

The Gibeonites had a peace treaty with Israel that had lasted 400 years, but Saul broke the treaty by killing several Gibeonites. The people of the Gibeonites expected justice when David became king, or they would have war. The end result was that David allowed the Gibeonites to slay several people, including five grandsons and two sons of Rizpah. That was accepted by the Gibeonites as full payment for what had been done by Saul to them.

SECOND: THE COMMITMENT OF RIZPAH.

II SAMUEL 21:10

This dear mother is in her sixties, yet determined to protect the dead bodies of her children and grandchildren. Her desire was that they not be treated this way but have a decent burial. For six months with the smell and rotting bodies of her precious children she became the guardian of lost loved ones.

I. What an agonizing portrait of the love and pain and suffering of a mother.

Though cursed and hanging on a tree she was totally loyal.

We are to have the same love, loyal to Jesus Christ Who was hung on an old-rugged cross.

Galatians 3:13, "Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree."

Jesus Christ took the sins of the world upon Him on the cross. His sacrifice deserves our love, loyalty and dedication.

II. Though cursed she protected loved ones on a tree.

We are to guard the Lords' reputation by our dedication to protect what He accomplished on the tree of Calvary. We need to make sure people get the right message.

III. Though others thought her crazy, she remained devoted.

The world will think you are crazy for being devoted to Jesus Christ in this wicked world, but remain faithful. Justice day is coming.

IV. Rizpah's dedication eventually became noticed by others.

David, and his household, noticed what this dear mother was dedicated to accomplishing. Your dedication to the cause of Christ will be noticed by many and you never know how much the future will be for the better because of your willingness to sacrifice.

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Fanny Crosby is one of the most notable names in hymnology. She penned more than eight thousand songs in her lifetime, which spanned nearly a century-she died in her ninety-fifth year, and most of it was spent in blindness. Not even the loss of her eyesight could render defeat to this courageous soul.

She was born Frances Jane Crosby in Putnam County, New York on March 24, 1820. A doctor, with a lack of proper medical knowledge, applied a mustard plaster poultice to her eyes when she was only six weeks old, robbing her of her sight.

Yet she grew to be a cheerful, happy soul with a marvelous attitude, accepting her handicap with an unusual

amount of courage. She often said, "I have a jewel - contentment." When she was only eight years of age she wrote:

*Oh, what a happy soul am I,
Although I cannot see;
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.
How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't!
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot and I won't.*

During her fifteenth year she entered the New York Institute for the Blind, where she made such an impressive record that after graduation she was asked to teach at the Institute; and she did so for eleven years.

One day in 1873, Aunt Fanny, as she was affectionately called, was visiting with a friend, Mrs. Joseph Knapp, a musician of sorts and wife of the founder of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. During their visit Mrs. Knapp played a tune she had recently written, then asked Fanny, "What does this tune say?"

Fanny knelt in prayer. As she prayed, the tune was played again. Suddenly she rose from her prayer and said, "It says, 'Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!'" Aunt Fanny began to dictate verses to Mrs. Knapp who wrote them down, fitting them to the melody just as we hear it sung today.

"I RESENT MY BARBER WHEN HE CHARGES THE FULL COST AFTER HE CUTS MY HAIR, BUT HE SAYS HE'S CHARGING ME FOR FINDING IT." – TIM CONWAY

Happy Mothers' Day



HIS ONE MISTAKE

He wore his rubbers when it rained.
He brushed his teeth TWICE a day ... with a nationally advertised toothpaste.
The doctors examined him twice a year.
He slept with the windows open.
He stuck to a diet with plenty of fresh vegetables.
He relinquished his tonsils and traded in several worn-out glands.
He golfed, but never more than 18 holes at a time.
He got at least eight hours' sleep every night.
He never smoked, drank or lost his temper.
He did his "daily dozen" daily.
He was all set to live to be a hundred.

The funeral will be held Wednesday. He's survived by eight specialists, three health institutions, two gymnasiums and numerous manufacturers of health foods and antiseptics.

He forgot God, lived as if this world were all, and is now with those who say, **"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."** (Jeremiah 8:20).

For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul. (Mark 8:36-37)

What Is Love?

The Bible says, ***"And now abideth faith, hope, charity (love), these three; but the greatest of these is charity (love)."*** Love is greater than faith and hope, but love is not the greatest thing in the world. Truth is the greatest thing in the world. The Bible says God is love, but Jesus did not say, "I am the way, the love, and the life." He said, ***"I am the way, the truth, and the life."*** People are being led astray today by modernistic preachers and educators who say, "The trouble is we just do not love each other. We ought to have more love. Love is the greatest thing in the world." But these religious modernistic preachers and educators are not talking about Bible love. They are talking about a sentimental, diluted love. A mother does not love her children like a mother ought to love her children if she does not spank the children when they ought to be spanked. A mother who says, "I love my children too much to punish them," does not really have mother's love. It is a watered-down, motherly sentiment. God so loved the world that He sent His Son to die on the Cross to save sinners. God makes it plain in the Bible that nobody, not even a Christian, can do wrong and get away with it. Bob Jones, Sr.

THIRD: THE COMPASSION MIXED WITH HARDSHIP.**II TIMOTHY 2:3**

This precious mother and grandmother had to endure tribulation with the wilderness, weather, wild animals, and the sadness of seeing the death and decay of those she loved, yet, she was steadfast like a soldier on duty. We too are to remain at our post no matter how rough the task may be. **Hebrews 11:24-27**

Conclusion: Dear reader, are you as committed to the cause of Christ as this dear mother was committed to her loved ones? What will it take for you to awaken to your great responsibility. Christ is everything! He is eternal life itself. Will you pray with me?

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

'Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen.' (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)

**Prayer of Service**

'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?' (Acts 9:6)

Our Church Ministries

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| 1. Fishermens' Club | 8. Counseling Ministry | 15. Cleaning Ministry |
| 2. Phoster Club | 9. Grounds and Maintenance | 16. Altar Workers |
| 3. Bus Ministry | 10. Heritage Baptist Academy | 17. Teen Club |
| 4. Sunday School | 11. Ladies' WMS Ministry | 18. Junior Church |
| 5. Welcome Wagon | 12. Pulpit Productions | 19. Ushers |
| 6. Bookstore | 13. Girls Highlander Club | 20. Nursery |
| 7. Music Ministry | 14. Boys Bible Club | 21. Greeters |

A child was taken to the dentist for a checkup, then told she'd have to have a filling.

"What kind of filling would you like for that tooth?" the dentist asked her mother.

The child piped up, "Chocolate, please."

**From Our Church Prayer List**

1. Judy Kurpan
2. Ed Hosey
3. Sheila Spencer
4. Anita Miller
5. Michelle Lemons
6. Kevin McClain
7. Harold Cooper
8. Linda Sigstad
9. Carolyn Grindel

THE WORLD IS FULL OF WILLING PEOPLE. SOME ARE WILLING TO WORK, AND THE REST ARE WILLING TO LET THEM.

Giving Assurance of Salvation

Dr. Bob Gray

After a person has prayed with you, receiving Christ as Saviour, immediately go over assurance verses with them. The reason most people never really grow in the Lord is that we do not establish what the Word of God says. **"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."** (John 5:24) Take time to explain what everlasting life is. This will help the person spiritually, and it will also help you when it comes time to get them to church.

There are many other verses you could use to explain everlasting life. Whatever verses you choose to use, always take time to explain that salvation is based on the Word of God, and that a person's salvation is an eternal, everlasting salvation. I say, "We may never meet again here on earth, but we will see each other in Heaven. I want you to have something that you can look at, something from the Word of God." I tell the person to go over the verses themselves, and to see what the Word of God says. The explanation and review are so important. It would be wise to read this soul winning chapter over and over again. It is important for you to have a soul winning plan. I am not trying to tell you what plan to use. This is my plan; I like it and I use it. If it will help you, use it. At any rate, get a plan.

To be an effective soul winner, you must have a plan with a beginning and an ending. Once you begin your plan, do not get sidetracked. Be patient and loving, but make sure you present the plan of salvation simply and clearly. Give the truth and illustrate it. Never argue or become abrasive with anybody. If you are unable to lead someone to the Lord, leave the door open for the next soul winner; he may be able to lead the person to the Lord.

Happy Mothers' Day



**KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE. HIT
THE "SNOOZE" BUTTON.**

**Continue to practice
social distancing.
No one wants you
that close anyway.**

**Introverts: This is
what you've been
training for.**



**"I know an apple is more
traditional, but I heard women
your age need more potassium."**

Let's Make
2020

OUR BEST YEAR EVER

Mother's Work

Nobody knows of the work it makes,
To keep the home together;
Nobody knows of the steps it takes,
Nobody knows—but Mother.
Nobody listens to childish woes,
Which kisses only heal;
Nobody pained by naughty blows,
Nobody—only Mother.
Nobody knows of sleepless care
Bestowed on baby brother;
Nobody knows of the tender prayer,
Nobody—only Mother.
Nobody knows of the lessons taught
Of loving one another;
Nobody knows of patience sought,
Nobody—only Mother,
Nobody knows of anxious fears
Lest darlings may not weather
The storm of life in after years,
Nobody knows—but Mother.
Nobody kneels at the throne above
To thank the Heavenly Father
For the sweetest gift—a Mother's
love.



Heritage Highlanders May 2020 Schedule

Saturday May 2

Growing In Christ

II Peter 3:18

Saturday May 9

Mothers' Day

Proverbs 31:28

Saturday May 16

Having The Right Spirit

Proverbs 15:13

Saturday May 23

Memorial Day

Proverbs 31:20

Saturday May 30

Soulwinning

John 3:16

MAN CANNOT LIVE BY COFFEE ALONE, BUT HE WILL GIVE IT A GOOD TRY.



*Mrs.
Andrew
Myers*

How Would the Virtuous Woman Handle Social Media?

Social Media is not a sin. It is a communication tool. The devil has been very vigilant in using this tool for his purpose. He seeks to destroy reputations of God's people, cause strife in churches, spread worry and doubt, and just simply distract Christians from God's work with time-wasting activities online. We are not obligated to use Social Media, but if we have it, we are responsible as Christian women to be vigilant in use it to honor Christ, and not further the Devil's purpose.

So how do we go about using this tool for Christ? Since the Virtuous Woman is the example the Bible gives us for Christian Womanhood, let's look at her traits and apply them to our activities online.

Proverbs 31:11 "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her..." KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA. I can't stress the importance of this one. This is hands down top priority. If you don't want to take the precautions needed with social media, it would be better if you didn't use it at all.

- Never post personal financial information, even if your settings are private. This includes card numbers, bank account numbers, license plate numbers, SSN, personal info such as "Mother's Maiden Name", etc. There are internet scams online that seem harmless and ask you simple questions like "What's your favorite food?" or "What was your childhood best friend's name". These seem harmless, but there are common bank security questions mixed in with the "harmless" questions. Then people use these answers to hack bank accounts.
- Don't post when you're on vacation. Post all the exciting pictures when you get back home so people watching your account don't know you're away from the house.
- Be VERY careful of the pictures you post of your family on your public feed.
- Do NOT give unsupervised internet access to children and teenagers. How many times have you done an internet search for something completely innocent and obscene pictures or articles/blogs show up in your feed. As an adult who walks with the Lord, I have the Spiritually maturity to exit these pages quickly, because I know the damage they will do to my Christian life."
- Protect yourself from men with bad intentions. Don't get in the habit of talking to men online.

Proverbs 31:12 "She will do him good, and not evil all the days of her life." Do your husband and your family good on social media!



John R. Rice

Submission To Authority

This apostolic authority is made plain many times in the Bible. Note how the apostles gathered together to decide the will of God about whether Gentile converts must be circumcised and keep the ceremonial law as recorded in **Acts 15**, and notice how they gave plain **"sentence"** (v. 19), **"commandment"** (v. 24), **"burden"** (v. 28). Peter in **Acts 10:48** **"commanded them to be baptized."** That is the voice of authority, the authority of God. Likewise Paul sent **"a commandment unto Silas and Timotheus for to come to him with all speed"** (**Acts 17:15**). It is obvious that in the churches others were not equal to the apostles. The apostles exercised authority and ruled over the churches as men with commissions from God.

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit your selves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you" (**Heb. 13:17**).

These **"that have the rule"** over the Christians, are their spiritual advisers and pastors, watching for their souls, since preachers must give an account to God for their people! Godly pastors are not to be overlords for selfish purposes nor for filthy lucre, we are warned, but they are to **"rule"** over Christians in the churches, and you Christians in the churches are to **"obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves."** So every pastor, then, might say with Paul, **"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ"** (**1 Cor. 11:1**). **Hebrews 13:24** says again: **"Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints."** And other such terms are used more than once in the Bible, teaching that Christians are to be subject to the rulers God put in the church, following these leaders, these overseers, these shepherds, as they follow Christ.

Thus, the question in this chapter, **I Corinthians 11**, question of divine authority. There is a divine order throughout human society. We must accept it as true that a certain order of authority and obedience to that authority are the plan of God.

For instance, concerning government, **Romans 13** says: **"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God."**

God put His authority, then, on human rulers in government. Good Christians must be subject to the authority of rulers.

Christians have a tendency to believe that, since Christians are brothers and sisters in Christ, the distinction between masters and servants have passed away. But is not true. God commands, **"Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:"** (**Ephesians 6:5-7**)

Thus it is clear that in authority Christians are not all equal. Likewise in the same chapter, the Lord says, **"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise"** (**Eph. 6:1, 2**).

A BOY WAS AT THE BARBER FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND THE BARBER ASKED HIM HOW HE WANTED HIS HAIR CUT. "JUST LIKE DADDY'S," HE REPLIED. "AND BE SURE TO LEAVE THE LITTLE ROUND HOLE ON THE TOP WHERE HIS HEAD COMES THROUGH."



Dr. Al Lacy

Can I Trust My Bible?

Psalms 12:6-7

We then conclude that the witness of Scripture to its own **AUTHORITY** is pervasive. The written Word always directs us to **ITSELF** for the **ONLY** and **FINAL** authority in the matters of life, death, Heaven, Hell, salvation, forgiveness, redemption ... and the personal knowledge of our Creator.

The same is true of the **INCARNATE** Word. The entire earthly life of the Lord Jesus Christ was a witness to **BIBLICAL AUTHORITY**. I remind you again that when Jesus spoke of the Scripture, He **NEVER ONCE** mentioned the "original manuscripts." He pointed the people to an Aramaic **TRANSLATION**, and He

NEVER ONCE corrected that **TRANSLATION**! The **TRANSLATION** He held in His hands was as much the inspired Word of God as were the "originals." Since what was written originally was written so that **WE ALSO** might be saved and learn from the Scripture, I say that we should take the same approach to the perfect, inspired Word of God in **ENGLISH** that our Lord took toward the perfect, inspired Word of God in Aramaic.

Jesus said, **"The scripture cannot be broken"** (**John 10:35**). He could not have possibly taken the attitude of the Alexandrians, who believe that the **ONLY** Scripture was the "original manuscripts." Certainly the "original manuscripts" were **BROKEN**. They were **BROKEN** by time and use ... and finally crumbled to pieces and returned to dust. Jesus was making it plain that He would **PRESERVE** the **WORDS** of Scripture so that they would exist forever (even in **TRANSLATIONS**) and would hold **AUTHORITY** over us forever.

Some food for thought ...or... Seed From The Silo!

California Renews Mandate Forcing Churches to Fund Abortions

The state of California is renewing a mandate that forces churches and Christian groups to pay for killing babies in abortions....

Churches across California have been battling the onerous abortion mandate for years with no relief. The troubling situation began in 2014 when the California Department of Managed Health Care reclassified abortion as a “basic health service” under the Affordable Care Act and ordered all insurance plans in the state to begin covering elective abortions immediately. Even churches are not exempt.

Several churches in California have already filed suit against the mandate.

Planned Parenthood Refuses to Close Because It Considers Killing Babies in Abortions “Essential” Services

While much of the world is focused on saving people from the deadly coronavirus, Planned Parenthood is still committed to destroying unborn babies’ lives through abortions.

Many states have shut down schools, banned large gatherings and urged nonessential businesses to close...

Amid the growing shutdowns, Planned Parenthood and other abortion businesses are trying to insist that what they do is “essential.”

Breitbart reports the Maine Family Planning group recently spread the word that its 18 facilities, including Planned Parenthoods, will continue to do abortions during the coronavirus pandemic...

... The National Abortion Federation, which oversees abortion facilities across America, also has been insisting that abortions are an essential part of healthcare...

Abortions are only essential in the sense that waiting too long to get one results in a newborn baby. Abortions destroy lives; they do not save them. Babies die and mothers are at greater risk of physical and psychological health problems.

As the world panics about medical resources to care for those already sick, it’s essential to be focused on saving lives, not killing the most vulnerable of all.

lifefews.com

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?

Children to Be Reared for Heaven

There was a mother lay dying, some time ago, and she requested her children to be brought to her bedside. The eldest one came in first, and putting her loving hands on his head, she gave him a mother’s parting message. Then came another, and then another. To all of them she gave her parting message, until the last — the seventh one, an infant — was brought in. She was so young she could not understand the message of love; so the mother gave it to her husband for her, and there she took the child to her bosom and kissed it, and caressed it, until her time was almost up. Then, turning to her husband, she said: “I charge you to bring all these children home to heaven with you.” *Dwight L. Moody.*

Lest We Forget



“Anchors Aweigh” Though universally associated with the U.S. Navy, this composition has no official standing.

The Navy’s acknowledged hymn is “Eternal Father, Strong to Save,” composed in 1861 in England and played at the Naval Academy since 1879. The song added a somber sonic note to the funerals of Navy men Franklin Delano Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and George H.W. Bush.

Still, Lt. Charles A. Zimmermann’s composition overshadows this historic song in the hearts and minds of the entire branch.

Zimmermann served as the Naval Academy band’s beloved music director from 1887 until his untimely death in 1916. Midshipmen treasured the special marches he wrote for several graduating classes.

Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone of Company C, 1st Battalion, 27th Marines, 5th Marine Division, wearing the Medal of Honor, which was awarded to him for extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry during combat action on Guadalcanal on Oct. 24, 1942. Basilone was killed in action, while leading a section of M1919A4 machine gunners, on Iwo Jima on Feb. 19, 1945.



Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, 1 Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**
We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily Resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily Resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of ALL Believers

Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion

Immersed Church Membership

Soul-liberty

Two officers - Pastors and Deacons

Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- **John Franklin Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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