



Embracing the Discipline to be a Mom (Part 2)

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Series Outline

- Embracing the Disciplined to **Hear** (Chapter 1:2-11)
- Embracing the Discipline to a Be **Mom** (3:12,8:2-3,10:28)
- Embracing the Discipline to Look Past **Distractions** (Nehemiah 4-6)
- Embracing the Discipline to **Finish** (Nehemiah 5:15-16)

Two Opening Thoughts:

- In Nehemiah's story there are three women mentioned who did what mom's do every day. They **helped** (3;12), they **paid attention** to prophesy in God's word (8:2-3),and they **obeyed** (10:28)
- In the New Testament Mary the mother of Jesus models the high price mother pay to obey God and serve their families.Also, we will briefly review the price some dads pay to support moms and their children (just for fun).

Statement:

Mother's Day originated in Grafton, West Virginia, when Anna Jarvis organized the first official celebration in 1908 to honor her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, who had promoted public health and peace during the Civil War. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson declared it a national holiday to be observed on the second Sunday in May. Anna intended it to be a quiet, personal day of reflection, symbolized by white carnations, and later opposed its commercialization.

I. The Three Signs Mary Was a Good Mother

(She Helps, Obeys and Pays Attention)

Question: Are you a helpful, obedient mother who pays attention

1. Mary Volunteered to **Help** (Luke 1:38, "I am your servant")



- “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her. ([Luke 1:38](#), NIV)
- 2. Mary was **obedient** when she was a teenager (Luke 1:34... “how can this be..since I am a virgin”)
 - “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” (Lk 1:34, NIV)
- 3. Mary **paid attention** to the prophetic potential of her son (Luke 2:19)
 - **19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.** 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. ([Luke 2:19–20](#), NIV)

The First Miracle Inspired by Jesus Mom

Text: John 2:1-12

1. She was aware of her environment (The Wedding Crisis)

- The test of the: On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.”

2. She only invited problem solvers into her issue

- 4 “Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.” 5 His mother said to the servants, “**Do whatever he tells you.**”

3. They used all of what was availed to them (They filled the jars)

- 6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, “**Fill the jars with water**”; **so they filled them to the brim.** 8 Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so,

4. They only allowed a few people to see the source of the wine (ARE YOU AN INVITEE?)



- 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside

5. What Jesus made was “choice” (WHICH MEANS EXCELLENT)

- 10 and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

6. This experience inspired by his mom made the disciples believe

- 11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.12 After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

Closing Thoughts

IV. Three Facts About Mothers Today

1. Single-Parenting Has Changed

- **Households by Race:** In 2023, the distribution of single-mother households in the U.S. varied significantly across racial and ethnic groups:¹
- Black mothers: 47% (53% of Black women with children were married)
- Hispanic mothers: 25% (75% of Hispanic women with children were married)
- White mothers: 14% (86% of White women with children were married)
- Asian mothers: 8% (92% of Asian women with children were married)
- The majority of single mothers are in their 30s or 40s and do not have a college degree

¹ https://www.visualcapitalist.com/charted-single-mothers-in-america-by-ethnicity/?utm_source=chatgpt.com



2. Time Spent with Children Has Changed

- **Mothers vs. Fathers:** According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics '2023 American Time Use Survey:
 - Mothers spent about 1 hour and 37 minutes each day caring for their children.
 - Fathers spent about 58 minutes each day doing the same.
 - Mothers spend about 39 minutes more with children than fathers

3. The Children's Complaints About Mothers vs. Fathers Is Fascinating

- **Overprotectiveness:** 51% of mothers vs. 38% of fathers acknowledge being overprotective.
- **Giving in too quickly:** 40% of mothers vs. 25% of fathers admit to this tendency.
- **Criticizing too much:** 23% of fathers vs. 18% of mothers report this behavior.

Final Bonus Thoughts:

Eight Quick Bonus Thoughts About My Mom

Four Positive Observations About My Mom

1. My mom some great skills; she was committed to helping, and learning
2. My mom believed in early empowerment and releasing
3. My mom believed in pushing the importance of education and learning
4. My mom was consistent in her God-fearing lifestyle

Four Things My Mom Did Not do

1. My mom did not ask enough questions
2. Mom mom did not always know both sides of my life
3. My mom was not completely over her past journey
4. My mom was committed to not putting all of her journey in my mind



Next Time: Disciplined Enough to Look Past Foolish People

Text: Nehemiah 4 & 6 (Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem)

- Nehemiah faced mockery, manipulation, and fear tactics—but he never came down from the wall.
- Discipline protects your focus. Some fights are distractions in disguise.