

A Parent's Mixed Emotions

Today's Message

May your father and mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful. Prov. 23:25 NIV

Mary said, "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me. Lk 1:46-49 NIV

1. The frustration and fulfillment

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." Luke 2:34-35 NIV

When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:48-51 NIV

"Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren't all his sisters with us?" Matt. 13:55-56 NIV

2. The eagerness and reluctance

When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." John 2:3-5 NIV

Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." Mark 3:31-32 NIV

3. The appreciation and resentment

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother. John 19:25 NIV

When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother," From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. John 19:26-27 NIV