
First Baptist Dyersburg • Sermon Notes

Lessons from Mothers in the Bible

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➤ EVE

The first _____; the mother of all _____;
and the first person to _____.

Eve's story is found in Genesis 2-4.

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

²"Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. ³"It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.' "

⁴"You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵"God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

⁶The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. ⁷At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

²⁰ Then the man—Adam—named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live.

Lesson to be learned from Eve:

- Trust the _____ of God's Word instead of giving in to the _____ of Satan.

➤ SARAH

The mother of the nation _____.

Sarah's story is found in Genesis 11-23.

⁹ “Where is Sarah, your wife?” the visitors asked.

“She’s inside the tent,” Abraham replied.

¹⁰ Then one of them said, “I will return to you about this time next year, and your wife, Sarah, will have a son!”

Sarah was listening to this conversation from the tent. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and Sarah was long past the age of having children. ¹² So she laughed silently to herself and said, “How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?”

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, ‘Can an old woman like me have a baby?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she denied it, saying, “I didn’t laugh.”

But the LORD said, “No, you did laugh.” (Genesis 18:6-15, NLT)

The LORD kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. ² She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. ³ And Abraham named their son Isaac. ⁴ Eight days after Isaac was born, Abraham circumcised him as God had commanded. ⁵ Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born.

⁶ And Sarah declared, “God has brought me laughter. All who hear about this will laugh with me. ⁷ Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse a baby? Yet I have given Abraham a son in his old age!” (Genesis 21:1-7, NLT)

Lesson to be learned from Sarah:

- **You can trust God’s timing to be _____.**
Wait on God without taking _____.

➤ JOCHEBED

The mother of _____. She demonstrated bold _____ by refusing Pharaoh’s orders to _____ her son.

Jochebed’s story is found in Exodus 2:1-10.

²³ It was by faith that Moses’ parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king’s command.

²⁴ It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. ²⁷ It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible. (Hebrews 11:23-27, NLT)

Lesson to be learned from Jochebed:

- Choose to have _____ in God instead of living in _____ of people.

➤ **SALOME**

The mother of James and John. She was part of the women who _____ Jesus' ministry and was at His crucifixion and at the tomb after His resurrection.

Salome is mentioned in Matthew 20:20-24, Matthew 27:56, Mark 15:40-41, and Mark 16:1.

²⁰ Then the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus with her sons. She knelt respectfully to ask a favor. ²¹ "What is your request?" he asked.

She replied, "In your Kingdom, please let my two sons sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left."

²² But Jesus answered by saying to them, "You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink?"

"Oh yes," they replied, "we are able!"

²³ Jesus told them, "You will indeed drink from my bitter cup. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. My Father has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen." (Matthew 20:20-23, NLT)

Lesson to be learned from Salome:

- Choose _____ to God over _____;
Choose God's _____ over that of your own.

➤ MARY

The mother of Jesus, known for her _____ in and _____ to God.

Mary's story is found in Luke 1-2, though she is mentioned in all the gospels and in Acts.

³⁴ Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."

³⁵ The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For the word of God will never fail."

³⁸ Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

Lesson to be learned from Mary:

- _____ is _____ with God.

What lessons will your children learn from you?

1. Do you _____ for them each _____?
2. Do they know you spend time _____ God's Word on a regular basis?
3. Do they see _____ in your daily actions?
4. Do you regularly _____ with them about Jesus?
5. Do they see you _____ in church where you _____ Jesus with all of your heart?

Your influence as a mother is powerful.
Don't waste it.
Little eyes are watching you.
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