



Mother's Day 2021 – Pastor Mark Pope
May 8 & 9, 2021

1. Describe one of the best things about your mom or a mother figure in your life. If you want, talk about one of her funny quirks. How did your mom or mother figure impact your life? What kinds of things have you done to honor her?
2. Read Matthew 26:6-13. Describe how Jesus honored the women in his life and why was this important. Can you think of biblical women that deserve honor or recognition? Why is it important to know their story?
3. Jesus regularly intervened protectively on behalf of women. How does Jesus protect and defend Mary (the woman who “wasted” her expensive perfume in Matthew 26:6-13)?
4. Read John 19:26-27. Pastor Mark’s first point is that in the presence of great women, Jesus took protective measures. What kind of protective measures did Jesus take in this passage? How well are you guarding the important women in your life, and what does that look like?
5. Reread Matthew 26:13. Pastor Mark’s second point is that Jesus was extra affirming. Describe how Jesus honored Mary in this verse. Pastor Mark challenged us to ask ourselves how well we are affirming the women in our lives. Do you find it easier to dig into her flaws or her greatest moments? How regularly do you recall and share the best moments?
6. Read Galatians 5:22-23. Discuss the fruits of the Spirit and how each of these can show honor and affirmation to people around you. Which of these “fruits” are easiest to reflect in your life? Which ones are harder, and what can you do to grow in this area?
7. Mary modeled sacrificial honor and appreciation when she poured perfume that would have cost a year’s wages on Jesus. Is there a woman in your life that you feel called to sacrifice for to show more honor and appreciation? What will you do?