

Mother's Day

The Bread of Life



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HOW you can HELP

God is doing something special in our midst. Don't sit on the sidelines. Get engaged in what God is doing!

2 Samuel 21:10-11 A Mother's Love

Mother's Day is one of my favorite holidays because I'm blessed to celebrate my Mom and my Mother-in-Law. It's a double blessing. I can honestly say that I have experienced the love of several mothers who have influenced my life. I was blessed to be inspired by both my grandmothers. There were other mothers who impacted my life. Women like Ms. Lona Chamberlain and Ms. Dee Minter!

A mother's love is special. God instilled within mothers a special characteristic to love others in a genuine and profound way. God gave Mothers a special way to demonstrate their love for others, especially their children. Mothers are special in so many ways.

The Bible offers insight into the depth of the love which mothers possess. Sarah had a special bond with her son Isaac! Ruth witnessed the special traits that Naomi exhibited, and she refused to leave her side. Moses' mother demonstrated her love by hiding her son while under the punishment of death from Pharaoh.

There's a story in 2 Samuel 21:10-11 which demonstrates a mother's dedication and love for her children. I believe this story is worth examining to demonstrate the depths of one Mother's love for her

sons! It may be appropriate to read the entire story beginning with the first verse of 2 Samuel 21. Due to the limited space, I will share two passages of scripture.

Then Rizpah daughter of Aiah, the mother of two of the men, spread burlap on a rock and stayed there the entire harvest season. She prevented the scavenger birds from tearing at their bodies during the day and stopped wild animals from eating them at night. When David learned what Rizpah, Saul's concubine, had done (2 Samuel 21:10-11).

Rizpah's two sons were killed because of the sins of King Saul. She spent approximately seven weeks protecting the dead bodies of her sons. Clearly, she did not consider her safety during this time. Her love for her two sons was incredible. Her sacrifice was powerful that someone informed King David. Only a mother could sacrifice for her children in such a powerful way.

Mary, the mother of Jesus was special! God enlisted her assistance to give birth to His only Begotten Son! God entrusted Mary to give birth to His son, so you and I could partake of eternal life. She was selected by God to give birth to

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Memory Verse

John 19:26-27 (AKJV)

²⁶ When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! ²⁷ Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.



ISAIAH 53:3, NIV

HE WAS
DESPISED AND
REJECTED ...
A MAN OF
SORROWS, AND
FAMILIAR
WITH SUFFERING.



The love of God is enduring, immeasurable and everlasting! The Ancient of Days, God Almighty has displayed His love for us, through His Son, Jesus Christ!

The agape love of God has cleared the path for us to enjoy eternity with Him! If you have not, please accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (John 3:16; Romans 10:9-10, 13)



Sunday Mornings:

First Step: New Members Orientation – 9:00

Worship Service: 10:30

Wednesday Nights:

First Step: New Members Orientation – 6:30

Training Center – 6:30

Intercessory Prayer:

1st and 3rd Saturdays – 9:00

A Mother's Love (cont.)

His Son, Jesus Christ. She loved Jesus! Mary also saw the brutality of the Roman soldiers as she witnessed firsthand the beating Jesus suffered. She had to witness the utter horror of her son dying on the Cross.

Tragically some may not have had an opportunity to experience the love of your mother. There are things in life that doesn't make sense to us. We search for answers but the questions remain unanswered.

Some have experienced the loss of their mother at an early age. Others have been deprived of their mothers love due some extenuating circumstances. Regardless of

the situation, remember this one thing. You have a heavenly Father who is intimately engaged in your life! God is real and there is nothing that can compare to the love of our heavenly Father (Romans 8:38-39)!

It is important to remain positive in every situation. For whatever reason God did not allow us to enjoy such a relationship! God entrust some to experience difficulties and challenges for the benefit of others. God wants to use you to testify and help others who may experience something similar. Can God use your faith which was developed through pain and loss to help others? God bless!

The Power of Forgiveness

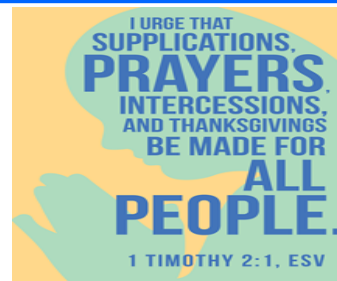
There is power in forgiveness. When we fail to forgive, we allow others to exercise power over our life. On the other hand, when we forgive, we enjoy freedom and peace of mind. Which position do you consider to be the most ideal?

Unforgiveness is a plague in the body of Christ. We, who have been forgiven much, should be able to forgive indiscriminately (Luke 7:47). God requires that we forgive others (Mark 11:25-26).

When we fail to forgive, Satan has a legal right to interfere. He robs us of our joy and peace. It is essential that we not give place to the Devil (Ephesians 4:7). Purpose in your heart to forgive every person who has offended you or violated you in some way. Release yourself from the bondage associated with unforgiveness. Don't give place to the Devil. Forgive, and take back your power!

The Prayer Room

God has given us prayer to bring about change! A prayerless life will be an unfulfilled life. Jesus exhibited a life of prayer and communion with His Father. His prayer life serves as a model that we should follow. Purpose in your heart to spend quality time in prayer each day. If you desire change, then pray! Prayer is an open invitation to God to get involved in our affairs. Let God into your situation!



Let's Stay Connected

Communication is an important tool which allows one individual to connect with others. Communication in the church is no different. On occasion, there's pertinent information that must be relayed. If we do not have your updated information, i.e., your email address, phone number, and residential address, our ability to communicate with you is limited. Please assist us in staying connected with you.



The Inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures

The Christian faith validates that the Holy Bible is inerrant and infallible. People have mischaracterized the potency of the Holy Scriptures. In other words, some imply that the Bible is written by a specific race of people. Based on their opinion, other nationalities are excluded. This could not be further from the truth!

The Bible did not come from human wisdom or private interpretation. *“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (Peter 1:20-21).”*

The Holy Bible was not written for the benefit of one specific race. God provided the construct of the Holy Scriptures to benefit everyone. Because the Holy Bible originated with God, it is inerrant and infallible (2 Timothy 3:16). In other words, we can trust the Holy Bible.

It is comforting to be able to rely on something, especially with all the lies and deception taking place. The Holy Bible provides a system of record that is accurate and true. We can rely upon the inerrancy and accuracy of God’s Holy Word (Psalm 119:160). In these latter days, it is imperative that we search the scriptures for they reveal upcoming critical events that affects all of us.

Congratulations to our High School Graduates

Congratulations to the High School graduation class of 2022! The membership of Touch by the Word Ministries salutes you for this tremendous accomplishment. We praise God that He has blessed you to reach this day! Our prayer is that God will keep you. We decree and declare that God will take you to higher heights and deeper depths in Him! Remember, “there is greater!”

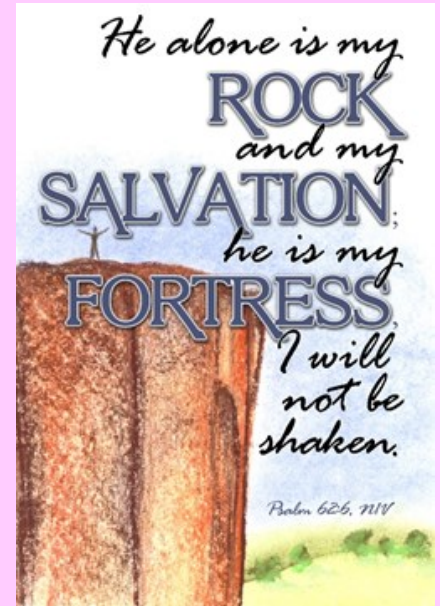


Don't Count Yourself Out

Isolation is dangerous. Satan takes advantage of individuals who isolate themselves from other. He creeps in and wrecks havoc. There has been such a stigma to reaching out to others for help. No matter the situation, please do not count yourself out.

King David often experienced times of isolation and disillusionment (Psalm 22:1; Psalm 71:10-12). David never gave up.

King David realized that God was his “source” in every situation. King David faced insurmountable situations. Yet God made King David victorious! God is not a respecter of persons. He will do the same for you. In fact, God said He will never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5). Being isolated and alone is dangerous. No matter what, don’t count yourself out!



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Shatecca Fellows - May 6 (Carolina University - Winston Salem NC- Doctor of Philosophy Leadership with Concentration in Educational Administration)

Rhonda Rawls - June (Colorado Technical University - Colorado Springs, CO - Bachelor of Science Accounting)

Samuel Bryant Fellow - May 17 (High School - Huntsville AL)

Destiny Houston - June 4 (High School - San Antonio, TX)



Sister Jacqueline Scott-Hall 12 May
Sister Melinda Barkman 23 May

Monthly Reflection

God is longsuffering and compassionate. Have you ever considered the alternative to being saved? Think for a moment what life would be like if God had not accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior! God drew you to Himself!

There is nothing worse than not being able to enjoy God's presence. Our heavenly Father has given us an opportunity to fellowship with Him daily. Please don't take this opportunity lightly. The alternative to salvation is not good!

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THE GRASS WITHERS,
THE FLOWER FADES ...

... BUT THE WORD OF
OUR GOD WILL STAND
FOR EVER.

Isaiah 40:7-8, NRSV

Answer: "All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV

28:2, NIV

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Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

Blessings from the Lord

