



Fred DiMaio, Pastor

May 2017

A Mother's Heart

As we approach Mother's Day, I have been thinking a great deal about Mary, Jesus' mother. From the unusual beginning to the painful end, she recognized that this child, boy then man, of hers was to be hers only in her heart. . . He really belonged to the world. When the Bible stated in Luke 2:19, "But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.", every mother knows, right away, what she was meditating about. At his birth, she had marveled at His beauty and at His death she was remembering Him as a child when he would run to her laughing and fall into her arms. He was her firstborn and she remembered the sweetness of her baby.

In John 19:27, we read about a beaten and bloody Jesus hanging on the cross raising His head to see the disciple John standing near Mary. "Woman, behold thy son!" Jesus was not being disrespectful when He wanted His mother to be under the care of John. He knew that Mary needed to focus and lean on the Christ for her own salvation, not cling to her child Jesus. He was teaching even as He was dying on the cross. Did our Lord use the word 'woman' rather than calling her mother because the very word 'mother' was too tender for the need of the moment?

As we read in Exodus 20:12, the 'honoring' of our father and mother is the 5th Commandment we must obey. To have a respect and appreciation for their love and care when we were children is proclaimed a duty to all adult children. The Commandment does not order us to love our parents; it states that we are to honor their status in our lives.

The mothers of today must be true steel magnolias in our resolve to cherish and protect our own children then lean and trust upon the Lord for life's trials that will unfold before them. So many times we must be still and ponder our own thoughts and prayers in our heart. . . the Lord hears each of our silent prayers.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Session – 10 AM | 2 Presbyterian Women 10 AM | 3 | 4 National Day of Prayer Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00 | 5 Open for Personal Prayer | 6 YARD SALE 8 am – 2 pm |
| 7 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 No Choir practice NA group 7:00 | 12 Open for Personal Prayer | 13 |
| 14 Mother's Day Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00 Rev. Blant Ferguson preaching | 15 RCFM Food Delivery 8:30 AM | 16 Presbytery Meeting in Monticello | 17 | 18 Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00 | 19 Open for Personal Prayer | 20 |
| 21 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Ascension Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00 | 26 Open for Personal Prayer | 27 |
| 28 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00 Fellowship Dinner at Church | 29 Memorial Day | 30 | 31 | Elder of the month – Dan Miller Pastor Fred and Carol on vacation May 11- 18. | | |