

## ***Mothers and the Future of the World***

### **I. Mothers and the Future**

#### **A. Giver of Life ~ Eve**

**Gen 3:20 ESV** The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Adam names her "life giver" or "living one," seeing in her the promise of the future, rather than the disaster of the past.

Whether you make small mistakes or great mistakes, **what you are most remembered for is being a mother who impacts the lives of others.**

#### **B. Source of Faith ~ mothers of David and Timothy**

**Ps 22:9 ESV** Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
**you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.**

**David's mother** (who conceived him in sin) imparted trust to him.

It is the MOTHER who **gives of her substance** and **bonds** with oxytocin to the child. This is the teaching of trust.

#### **Timothy's Jewish grandmother and mother**

**2 Tim 1.4 ESV** As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. **5** I am reminded of **your sincere faith**, a faith that **dwelt first** in your **grandmother Lois** and your **mother Eunice** and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

#### **C. Mother Because of Faith ~ Sarah**

**Gen 17:15 ESV** ... Sarah shall be her name. **16** I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and **she shall become nations**; kings of peoples shall come from her." **17** Then Abraham **fell on his face and laughed**

and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

18:10 The LORD said, "I will surely return to you **about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.**" And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ... 12 So ***Sarah laughed...***, "***After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?***" 13 The LORD said to Abraham, "**Why did Sarah laugh** and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' 14 ***Is anything too hard for the LORD?*** At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

21:2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him.

Heb 11:11 **ESV** ***By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive***, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

Sarah was absolutely gorgeous! The Pharaoh of Egypt wanted to recruit her for his harem, as did Abimelech. She was **adventurous**, a **pioneer** who left her home country and began all over again, leaving everybody she knew behind. S

She laughed out loud at God's promise, but came to faith! And God got the last laugh — Isaac, which means laughter.

Sarah learned this — **God does the impossible!**

## II. Mothers of Hope ~ What They See

### A. Jochebed, Mother of Moses

**Exod 2:2 ESV** The woman conceived and bore a son, and when **she saw that he was a fine child**, she hid him three months.

**B. Rosa Parks** – mother of a movement **[SLIDE 1]**

**C. Mother Teresa** – changed the hearts of millions **[SLIDE 2]**

**D. Mary** – said “I do” to God and gave humanity to the Son of God who saved the world!

Launched his Ministry!

**John 2:1 ESV** On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. **3** When the wine ran out, the MOTHER of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” **4** And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” **5** His MOTHER said to the servants, “**Do whatever he tells you.**”

**6** Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7** Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. **8** And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. **9** When the master of the feast tasted **the water now become wine**, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom **10** and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have

kept the good wine until now." **11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.**

## **She KNEW who her Son was!**

### **E. Mother of James & John**

**Matt 20.18** **ESV** "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death **19** and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."

**20** Then the **mother of the sons of Zebedee** came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. **21** And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, **one at your right hand and one at your left**, in your kingdom."

This upset everyone! She didn't really understand her request, but she knew something about her boys, the "sons of thunder!"

## **She wanted them to be as close as they could be to Jesus!**

**John 19.26** **ESV** When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "**Woman, behold, your son!**" **27** Then he said to the disciple, "**Behold, your mother!**" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Of the original 12, James was the first martyred, John was the last.

### **III. Blessing for Mothers**

Who give their own substance, who teach their children to trust, who hold the future in their arms, who see what no one else can see.

May the God of Hope fill you with all joy & peace...