**A MOTHER CALLED BY GOD**

**Luke 1:34 - 38**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. In view of it being Mother’s Day…thus the subject “***A Mother Called By God***.”

2. What a wonderful thing…God’s Word has so many messages just for moms.

**BODY:**

**1. SUBMITS COMPLETELY TO DO HIS WILL**

 A. History’s Most Famous Mother called by God.

 B. As a young woman, Mary was challenged to be completely submitted to God’s Will.

 1. Gabriel gave the angelic message to carry the Christ, she was stunned (Lk 1:34 – 38)

 A. The key phrase? “I am the Lord’s servant. May it be …”

 C. Mary never wavered from her complete submission to God’s will.

 D. Mary was like any parent in this room, who wanted only the best, the most protection,

 for her child ... and fully aware LIFE happens and ***NOT*** all of life is pleasant.

 E. But Mary was unlike a lot of parents in the world today.

 1. She was completely committed to God. This made her a mother worth imitating.

 2. She was so committed to God, she had no room for commitment to anything else.

**2. DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PERFECT**

 A. When Jesus performed His first miracle, her conversation is the most unusual part of the

 water-turned-into-wine story (Jn 2:1 – 5). Think of the awkwardness of this situation.

 1. Her conversation with Jesus appears to be out of line with what He was to do.

 B. A second case is of her imperfection (Mt 12:46 – 50).

 1. If Mary had understood the task of Jesus, would she have tried to interrupt him or

 even agree with his unbelieving brothers His ministry needed to be tempered?

 2. Stopping the ministry of Jesus, even if just for a little while? A mistake on her part.

 C. Mothers have made mistakes in the past, a mistake or two today and more tomorrow. 1. Through it all, He will love, work with and accept you, if you OBEY Him (Heb 5:9).

 D. How many women have been discouraged by the last few words of Proverbs?

 1. It is there, the author writes of the perfect woman.

 2. There are 22 lines in the poem with successive letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

 3. It’s an acrostic poem of an imaginary woman: She never sleeps and always works.

 A. She manages a fleet of ships, runs a farm, manages a staff, sews like a fashion

 expert, cooks, cleans, and home-schools her children.

 B. She has a feast waiting on her husband when he arrives home from his much-less

 demanding job and needs ***NO*** carpool, whatsoever.

 1. Simply puts on her Super-mom cape to fly the kids to their next appointment.

**3. NEVER RELINQUISHES THE TITLE (Jn 19:25)**

 A. She didn’t stand stoically/passively at the foot of the cross, as if made out of stained glass

 1. She fell down to the depths: moaning, wailing and begging God to bring this to an end.

 B. The truth of Simeon’s prophecy at the birth of Jesus was suddenly true (Lk 2:34, 35)

 C. She was a mother from the beginning (as well as) at the end.

 D. Mothers like this: in the halls of children’s hospitals, funeral homes, counselors’ offices.

 1. Mothers never relinquish the title, even if the child is rebellious, harsh or cruel.

 A. Her heart just will not allow it.

 E. When a woman becomes a mother, when a man becomes a father, there is an instant

 realization the day will almost certainly come when pain will dominate the picture.

 1. Through it all, mothers called by God never relinquish the title!! Never!!

 A. There is nothing like a Mother’s Love!!