

Joy Without Limits :
The Joy of Motherhood
GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Text : John 19:25-27

Introduction: We are studying a series of lessons on the subject of joy. We know that Jesus commanded His disciples to be joyful. **John 15:11** says, "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." What a joy to have a God fearing mother! There is much to be said about Christian women and mothers. God holds a special place in His eternal home for these terrific Christian leaders. What do we know about Christian mothers? Let's study about the joy of motherhood

Discussion:

I. Study The Word of God

- Hosea 4:6 - People are destroyed for a lack of knowledge, mothers must study
- II Timothy 2:15 - Mothers must study to prove themselves to God
- II Timothy 3:16-17 - Mothers can be equipped for every good work

II. Believe The Word of God

- Romans 10:9-17 - Mothers can have faith in God, pray with your kids
- Hebrews 12:1-2 - Mothers are among those witnesses (Sarah, Jocabed, etc.)
- II Timothy 4:6-8 - Mothers can know that God's word will lead them to heaven

III. Obey The Word of God

- Ephesians 6:1-3 - Mothers should be honored if they are obedient (the cycle)
- Hebrews 5:8-9 - Jesus was taught obedience, by whom, His mother
- James 1:21-22 - Mothers should allow the Word of God to save their souls

IV. Live The Word of God

- Proverbs 31:10-31 - Mothers should be influential in their home, church, and community
- Matthew 5:14 - Mothers are the light of the world, the light of the house
- I Peter 3:1 - Mothers, and wives, can win their husbands by just living their life for Christ

V. Teach The Word of God

- Matthew 28:18-20 - Mothers are fulfilling the Great Commission
- II Timothy 1:5 - It was Timothy's mother and grandmother that taught him from childhood
- II Timothy 3:14-15 - Paul credits them with his knowledge of the Bible (mentors, teachers)

Conclusion: Abraham Lincoln once said, "I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." Later he would add, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." Thank God for our Christian mothers!