



Life Group Study Notes

MOTHER'S DAY: M.A.D.D.

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Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- What is one thing you admire(d) about your mom?
- Does (did) your mom work outside the home? If so, what sort of work?
- How many children did your mom have? Was it hard for her to raise them?

Word (10-15 minutes)

Sermons can be heard online at www.bethelworld.org

MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) was started by a mother who tragically lost her child to a repeat drunk driver. MADD has brought about a huge reduction in death related drunk driving deaths. MADD was started without any religious affiliation.

Imagine what Christian mothers could do. We need a Christian MADD: Mothers Against the Devil's Devices. Many Christian moms have "lost" their beloved children to the ways of the world. Christian moms need to fight against their children's spiritual rebellion with their own obedience to Jesus. The obedience of Christian moms can serve as a powerful, influential witness to their children. Christian moms need to be bold!

Be B.O.L.D.

1. Believe

- Matthew 16:15-19 ESV *He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*
- Believe in Jesus Christ and trust him always, even with your children. God is faithful. Jesus trusted the Father, and was highly blessed by him in return.

2. Obey

- Joshua 1:6-9 ESV *"Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very*

courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

- Be careful to obey Jesus in all things. If you do, he will grant you success in doing his will. Jesus is our example and inspiration of a life of obedience to God.

3. Love

- 1 John 4:7-12 ESV *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*
- Everything you do for others, including your children, should be done from love. We must all grow in love for others by learning about and believing in God's love for us.

4. Declare

- John 12:49-50 ESV *"For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."*
- We must speak God's truth in love and in wisdom, without fear. God's truth has power to change lives, but needs to be spoken to become effective.

Discussion (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the points below, and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.

- Are any of your siblings or children not serving God? How many are serving God?
- What challenges have you faced in trying to influence your siblings or children to follow Jesus?
- Which of the four exhortations do you need to especially focus on: believe, obey, love, or declare?

Prayer (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.

- Entrust to God the spiritual welfare and destiny of your siblings and children.
- Ask God for strength to be a faithful witness to your family.
- Ask God to draw any wayward family members to himself.