



## LIFE GROUP SERMON NOTES

### “The Call to Motherhood”

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#### **WARM-UP (10-15 minutes)**

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

1. Who are the women, either alive or in history, you admire the most?
2. What’s the fondest memory you have of your mother?
3. What’s the most significant partnership you have ever had? Who did you partner with and to do what?

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

*And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, Genesis 1:28*

*For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Psalm 139:13-14*

#### **WORD (10-15 minutes)**

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The call to motherhood is a calling from God. Mothers are a great influence in our lives. Standing as a mother is not always fun, but mothers need to understand their role and embrace the calling over their lives. There is a choice to be made when a life is formed. There is a destiny in each life, whether it was formed within a marriage or out of wedlock, no baby is a mistake.

There are many styles to motherhood, but the call is the same. To be able to respond to that call, mothers need to understand three foundational aspects of motherhood.

- 1. The Partnership: Motherhood is a partnership with God. When God created Eve, the first mother, He didn’t call her to do the job on her own. God had created Adam and Eve after his own image and told them: “Be fruitful and multiply.” God’s plan is to fill the earth with people bearing his image. Sin tried to change God’s plan, but God never did. Despite sin, God hasn’t changed his mind to bless the fruit of the womb. Being pregnant is part of God’s plan for humanity.**

Women are called to raise godly children in order to propel them into the world as sharpened men and women of God that know who they are in Christ. That's why the enemy tries to lie to us to make us think children are an interruption to a woman's life. The partnership between a mother and God is a powerful partnership to achieve God's purpose on earth.

- 2. A Position.** Motherhood is a strategic position to achieve God's purpose for our lives. We all have the same purpose: to expand the Gospel. But we all are called to do so from a different position. Motherhood is a position that forces a woman to come to a second place. Jesus works in us to make us into his image as we submit to him for the sake of our children. When a mother abandons her position as trainer of her children, she leaves the seed uncovered and the enemy comes to try to steal it. Motherhood is a position to expand the Gospel through the seed God has given us. When we train a child in the way he should go, we are putting into practice God's instructions over and over. Every time a woman of God conceives, there is a threat to the enemy because a child is about to be trained. Paul recognized the time Louis and Eunice had spent with Timothy. He had been trained by this woman of God. A mother can truly write the word of God on the tablets within the hearts of their children.
- 3. A Promise.** The promise is in the investment. The promise is "Instruct a child in the way he should go and he will never depart from it". If a mother spends time training her kids, the promise is they won't depart from her training. Christian mothers may have the same trials as an unbeliever, but they surely don't have the same worries; because as Christians we have a promise and we know in the end, his promises are secure. The encouragement for mothers is to obey God's instructions, and submit to him, for you cannot lose. We wrestle against the power of darkness for the life of our children. Even when it seems that we are not achieving much, don't forsake your position because God won't forsake the promise.

Some women abort the mission of being mothers, but God does not make mistakes. There is redemption for any one that turns around and resumes her position, fighting for the lives of babies. God doesn't change his plan. God fulfills his plans through adoptive mothers and spiritual mothers that are willing to give life to a new generation.

We will accomplish God's mission if we stay in partnership with God, and don't abandon our position; being persistent and standing in His promise. We can confidently submit to God because with Him we will never lose.

### **PERSONAL APPLICATION (10-15 minutes)**

Choose an item below to discuss, or introduce another related topic for discussion.

1. What's your position in life right now? What can you do to advance God's Kingdom?
2. How do God's promises affect the way you face trials and tribulations? What promise are you holding on to right now?
3. What's your role with the next generation? Where has God positioned you in order to lead young people in the way of the Lord?

### **PRAYER (10-15 minutes)**

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

- *Pray for the mothers in our nation to stand in their God-given position to influence the next generation.*
- *Pray for the mothers in your life. Your mom, wife, spiritual mothers. Thank the Lord for the place they have in your life.*
- *Pray for the next generation. That God will raise spiritual mothers and fathers to show them the way they should go.*