

A Mother's Faith -- "Gracious Lady"

John 2:1-11

In our society women are bombarded with many dual roles and mixed messages, work and work some more.

Every mom here today is aware that her job involves much more than cooking, cleaning, and carpooling. Her job also involves nurturing, guidance, and building character.

Mary was also there at the beginning of his ministry, playing a role in his first miracle. Ref: John 19:25

Weddings in Palestine were a time for great celebration. They had a feast that lasted for several days. A crucial part of the celebration was an abundance of wine.

Hospitality was sacred in their culture. Running out of wine would have been humiliating for the wedding host.

The phrase "What have I to do with thee" is a Hebrew idiom that doesn't mean (*as it sounds to us*) "Mind your business----- it means leave things up to me I'll settle them my way." Ref: John 2:4 KJV

Three Lessons That Teach Us Something about How a Mother's Faith Can impact The Life of Her Child.

#1 Be I _____ In Your Child's Life

The fact is, the closer we remain to our parents, even in the adult years, the better off we are.

Keep the lines of communication open, continue to do things together, and enjoy one another's company.

Moms please strive to be a source of joy, so that being with you is always an uplifting time of fellowship.

Children (of all ages), follow the example of Jesus in this story. Speak to your mom using words of honor, Dear Woman... Gracious Lady.

#2 Be Aware of Your Child's P _____

Make sure your children enjoy being with you.

Mom's look for your children's strengths, remind them of the good they can do.

To children of all ages I say: Your mom may see things in you that others don't see. She may see potential that you don't know exists. Listen to her.

#3 Be Willing To Let Your Child Do Things T _____

Jesus taught thousands how to live God's way, and then he died on the cross for our sins, rising from the dead on the third day.

Every parent must learn when to step back and allow their adult children to make his or her own decisions.

We see this from the story today that a mother never stops being a mother. I want you to realize that a son or daughter never stops needing a mother.