

Moms

There are great examples of holy and faithful women throughout scripture. In fact, it seems that women are in many ways more lauded than men. Even though the culture at the time despised women, God knew we needed strong women and mothers in our lives. Here are a few examples:

Moms are sacrificial:

Hannah was barren. When she finally had a son, she dedicated him to the work of the Lord in the temple. It must be hard to miss so many moments with your children. The Bible doesn't tell us exactly how old Samuel was when he moved to the temple, just that he was weaned. Think of all the things she will miss. She will not be able to see him and hug him every day at home. She will not be able to help him with his homework. She will not be able to comfort him when he gets hurt.

I understand that Hannah was around and was able to visit and see Samuel, but she at some point was not the main care provider for him. That is quite a sacrifice. She understood that God was taking care of him. By being at the temple, he was able to grow in a great way spiritually. That was far more important to her!

Moms are nurturing:

We don't know a lot about Moses' childhood. We know that he grew up in Pharaoh's house. We know that at some point he decided to be treated like the Israelites rather than be called an Egyptian. Why would someone who lives in the greatest country on the earth and in the king's household want to be treated like a slave?

Because of his mother. The Bible tells us that his own mother was chosen to help raise him. She must have taught him about Godliness and Jehovah. I am thankful that we have mothers who know the importance of teaching their children Godly virtue as opposed to the passing pleasures of the world. Women who teach their children about those who endure trials and tribulations in the name of Jesus will receive a crown of life. If not for Moses' mother, the Israelites might have been a footnote in history in Egypt.

Moms are supportive:

When Jesus was on the cross, most everyone left. Peter denied Jesus three times, Judas betrayed him, another fled naked. Even those who saw Jesus raise people from the dead ran when Jesus was in His darkest hour. Mary, His mother stayed.

Moms make the best cheerleaders. I am sure Jesus was very happy to have his mother there. It is hard going through all His trials before Herod and Pilate without putting up a fight. It is difficult to endure the crucifixion alone. We need moms to support us through the good and bad times.

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