

# The Lovely Grace of Moms and Grandmas

## **I. Mothers are uniquely equipped to understand and promote God's purposes in our lives.**

- A. They simply are good reflectors of the wonderful plans God has for us. The grace to see and to call out the best in each other is available for every believer. God truly has good plans for all of us (Jer. 29:10-11; Ephesians 2:8-10).
- B. Rebekah and the birth of Jacob (Israel)
  - 1. Perhaps the experience of the birthing process itself is why moms are so sensitive to divine purpose (Genesis 25:21-23).
  - 2. Rebekah remembered God's word to her and intervened with God's purposes as Jacob and Esau's lives began to unfold (Genesis 25:27-34; 27:5-17, 25-29, 41-46).
- C. Mary and the birth of Jesus
  - 1. Mary was first to know that the coming of the Messiah was eminent (Luke 1:26-35).
  - 2. Two moms understood before anyone else that the most epic event in all history was near (Luke 1:39-45; 2:16-20, 33-35).

## **II. Moms show us how to travail in prayer for the purposes of God in our lives and in the earth.**

- A. Hannah and the birth of Samuel (I Samuel 1:7-20).
  - 1. Hannah would not let go of God's plan for her and her children even when her husband seemed indifferent (I Samuel 1:8).
  - 2. God uses intercessory travail to bring forth His purposes on the earth (I Samuel 1:12-18; Romans 8:26-27, 34; Hebrew 4:14-16). "Tears are like liquid prayers that flow to the heart of God" (Charles Spurgeon)
  - 3. "Empathize" in Hebrews 4:15 is "sumpatheo," which means, "to suffer along with."
  - 4. In short, the Spirit prays; Jesus prays; and we pray for the grace of God in our lives and in the earth.
- B. Moms and grandmas are uniquely designed to persist in prayer to Jesus (Mary at Cana—John 2:1-5; Syrophenician woman and her daughter—Mark 7:24-30; the persistent widow—Luke 18:1-8).

## **III. Moms demonstrate God's tender heart toward us.**

- A. Mothers, like God, have a unique ability to be tender (Isaiah 66:13; Zephaniah 3:17; John 19:25-27).
- B. Just as a mother rarely gives up on her kids, God never fails to have compassion on us (Isaiah 49:14-16; Romans 8:38-39).
- C. When we receive love, our heart is unlocked. Moms are God's design to help us love one another in a genuine way (I John 4:19; Romans 8:14-16; I Corinthians 13:1-7).

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