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Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day has been a special day for a long time.

It was first celebrated in Canada in 1914, following the lead of the U.S. in 1907. In England *Mothering Sunday* began in the 16th century. It was held on the fourth Sunday of Lent. People would return to their "Mother Church". A century later it moved to being a day where working people got the day off to visit their mothers and, possibly, go to church. Years later it morphed into the Mother's Day we know today.



Today Mother's Day continues to rank high on the list of special days, complete with gifts, cards, eating out, phone calls, video calls, email. For much of society the day has been cleanly severed from the church and faith.

Some people ask why churches should observe, should celebrate Mother's Day. After all, it is so commercial, and the Bible doesn't record that kind of celebration, so it is not required. So why?

One writer comments,

"The evangelical assumption seems to be 'Of course!' Yet, if I were to ask about celebrating Pentecost, the Ascension or Jesus' baptism, I suspect I would get some puzzled looks."

He added,

"We can benefit from using the cultural opportunity to speak to the biblical vision of motherhood and fatherhood, etc. But we should be willing to listen to the tough questions from those outside our culture about what our church calendars represent."

We know Paul's instructions, "One person values one day over another, another values every day the same. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind." With that in mind, there are some good reasons for a church choosing to celebrate Mother's Day, and Father's Day.

Mother's Day gives us a time to recognize and celebrate God's design for the family. In our day with that being fuzzy to non-existent in our society, focusing on the family is not only an important opportunity, it also is an important responsibility. The stresses and strains on families continue to increase. We need to provide Biblical answers, help and encouragement.

Digging down in that, Mother's Day gives us a time to remember the importance of the faith of Mothers. Remember what the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy,

“I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelled in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.”

Yes, no one is saved by their mother's faith, but a mother's faith can show the way, light the path to faith, and then be a powerful reminder throughout all of our life.

Related to that, there are women of faith in the Bible that are good examples, and there is much we can learn from them. For starters, women such as Sarah, Rahab, Deborah, Hannah, Ruth, Elizabeth the mother of John the Baptist, and Mary the mother of Jesus. None of them were perfect. We see not only weaknesses and failures, we see enduring, encouraging lessons of what having faith in God looks like.

Just one more, the Bible instructs us to honor and praise mothers of faith, and we can do that together. As God gave the commandments to Israel He said, “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be prolonged on the land which the Lord your God gives you.” Jesus repeated this command, and Paul reinforced that with telling children to obey and honor their parents. God's Word also tells us to praise women of faith. The book of Proverbs closes instructing us, “a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.”

We will be observing Mother's Day this Sunday, with the message being “Women To Be Praised.”

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