

Discussion Review
Lessons from Motherhood
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- What are some of your family's Mother's Day traditions?
- Share a memorable Mother's Day experience or memory.
- What would your parents say is the funniest thing you ever did as a kid?
- What has been the hardest part of sheltering in place?

5 Lessons We Can Learn From Mothers of the Bible

1. Trust God's Timing

Read Genesis 16:1-2 & Genesis 18:12.

- Why would it have been difficult for Sarai to trust God's timing?
- Share an instance where you struggled to trust God's timing in your life.

Read Galatians 6:9.

- What do you think Paul means by "the proper time"?
- Share a story from your life where you saw God come through in the final hour.

Read 2 Peter 3:9.

- How is God's timing different than ours?

2. Don't Manipulate

Read Genesis 27:11-13

- What was Jacob's mother Rebekah trying to do?
- Why did she feel that she needed to do it?
- Did you grow up in a family with a favorite and if so how did it affect life?
- Why do we start to panic when we feel things aren't working out the way we want them to work out?

Read Isaiah 14:24.

- Does God have the ability to accomplish His plan in our family, our lives and our situations?
- Have you ever thought that he needed a little help?

3. God Redeems

Read 2 Samuel 11:26-27.

- What mistakes did King David make at this time in his life?
- How were Bathsheba's mistakes different from David's?
- How did their mistakes/sin affect their family?
- How should we respond when God confronts us about our sin?
- Share a story of how God has redeemed a mistake you have made.

Read Colossians 1:13-14.

- What would be an example of a situation in your life that God wants to redeem?

4. Be Patient

Read John 2:1-4.

- What do you think it was like for Mary to be Jesus' mother?
- What do you think she believed about her son?
- What do you think she was ultimately pushing him to do at the wedding?
- Share a situation where you have been impatient with someone.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-5.

- Why does Paul use the word patient to describe true love?

5. Get Better Not Bitter

Read Ruth 1:20-21

- What circumstances caused Naomi to describe her life as bitter?
- How do we know that Naomi did not allow her circumstances to embitter her?
- How was Naomi able to help her daughter in law Ruth?
- How did Naomi's life become even better than before?
- Discuss circumstances in your life that have the potential to embitter you.
- How can you keep yourself from becoming bitter during such times?

Read Hebrews 12:15.

- How can the presence of a bitter root cause trouble in our lives?
- What blessings do you believe that God has in store for you on the other side of bitter experiences?