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RADICAL WORDS OF JESUS

JESUS SAYS SERIES

BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER (JOHN 19:26)

INTRODUCTION:

Mothers are special people! Jesus taught us an important lesson on what it means to care for our mothers amid his darkest hour, which was also her darkest hour. “Behold your mother” is for us too.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is one of the ways you have shown care and compassion for your mother?
- What is one of the ways you have shown care and compassion for someone else’s mother?

John 19:23-30: Why do you think John wanted us to know about this conversation from the cross? What do you think Jesus meant when he said to John, “Behold your mother”? What do you think Mary felt when she heard, “Behold your son”? How do you think this request changed their lives?

Matthew 15:1-9: Feel free to use a commentary or study bible. What did Jesus want the Pharisees and Scribes to know about traditions and obedience to the commandments? In what ways were the religious people failing to honor their parents? In what ways do we as Christians fail to honor as well?

PRAYER: Praying for one another is a powerful way to experience healing; spiritually, emotionally and physically. Can you name one or two mothers whom you can start praying for more consistently? Specifically, what types of prayers should we pray for our mothers? Stop and pray now.

ENCOURAGEMENT: In what ways does your mother need encouragement and to be built up? Notice the root word courage in encouragement. Where does a mother need courage in today’s culture? Discuss the variety of ways we can bring encouragement to the moms in our church and community?

TITUS 2:1-10: If you’re a seasoned veteran in the faith, who are you mentoring at this moment? If not, who potentially might you be able to mentor? What type of training might a young parent need? How might Paul’s list in Titus compare with our culture today? Anything need to be added or deleted?

OBEDIENCE: Last week we learned that obedience to Jesus words was the sole characteristic of building wisely. Proverbs talks a lot about listening to our mother’s word and advice. What is some of the best advice that you have ever heard your mother speak? What are some of the ways that a mother can become more effective in teaching her children to follow the Lord?

MARRIAGE: The best gift a parent can ever give their children is their love for their spouse. Husbands what does it look like to lovingly lead your wife and family? Wives how might you show respect?

NEXT STEP: Take one of the points from Pastor Mark’s message or from the Next Steps. Step out in faith and start applying one of these principles to your life today. Take you mom out to lunch!