

On Eagles' Wings Pt 32

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Mothers play a crucial role in raising godly children, and they need the support and encouragement of their husbands, grandmothers, and other women in their lives.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of a mother's love and her role in leading her children to Jesus. He encourages mothers to pray for their children and to spend time with them, telling them Bible stories and sharing how God has worked in their own lives. The speaker shares a personal story about his grandmother's faithful prayers for him and how her influence impacted his own children. He also highlights the importance of a mother's wisdom, kindness, and diligence in caring for her household and reaching out to those in need.

Transcript

Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increases strength. Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall.

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint. We welcome you to own eagles' wings.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom. One of the greatest blessings in my life has been a godly mother. What a wonderful day it is to say to our mothers, we love you, thanks for bringing me into the world, for guiding me and watching over me.

And if you didn't have a godly mother, you've really missed out on something. But it doesn't mean you have to miss out on life. Christ has come to give you life.

You know, thinking about Mother's Day, when Jesus was coming into the world, and the Scripture says that Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him. They had taken him to the temple, and it says, Simeon blessed them and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for

the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through thine own soul, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

You touch a child, and you touch the heart of the mother. Another point in Scripture says that Mary kept those things in her heart. What a job she had as the mother of the Messiah.

What a special privilege, what a privilege for a mother to raise up her children. At the end of Christ's life on this earth, there Mary was hanging on the cross, and he turned to John and he said, Behold thy mother. He took care of his mother.

Well, today we're going to learn some things about mothers. We have John McDaniels with us again, and we trust that God will use this to minister to us. Well, John, it's good to have you back.

What's God been teaching in your relation to Mother's Day? I trust you had a mother? Yes, I had a very great mother. I think we all did, huh? You had a great mother, huh? Yes, I did. She's now gone.

She's gone to be with the Lord, yes. Gone to be with the Lord. Well, I'm so thankful that my mother is still alive.

Well, what's God been teaching you about mothers? Well, John, let's take a look at a few things this morning. Of course, I always say, let's go back to the Scripture. Let's go back to God's Word.

This may not seem like it deals much with mothers, but let's turn to Psalms 127. This will prick the ears of dads too, but I want to show you something in here that has to do with mothers. That's Psalms 127.

Go get your Bible. Except the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that build it. Except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh in vain.

It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows, for so he giveth his beloved sleep. Here's one I want to talk about. Lo, children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are children of one's youth. Happy is a man who has his quiver full of them. They shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemy in the gate.

Okay, I want you to look here at verse 3. It says, Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord. Well, if children are a heritage of the Lord, where did they come from? How did they come into this earth? They all have to have a mother. Man's tried several things, but he's never been yet able to produce a baby without having a mother.

Praise God for that, huh? Okay, let's look at a few things. I have two daughters, and the mother's role here, my wife's name is Diane, and I'd have to say that for raising my children to be godly mothers themselves, they could not be under a finer example than their mother. She had to be good.

God gave her to me, and she was a gift to me from God, so I cherish her. But let's turn over to Titus 2. I want to show you how my wife trains up godly daughters. I also have two sons, too, and they can watch in on this and learn, but let's look at what my wife does to train up godly daughters.

Let's start right at verse 2. It says, I mean, pardon me, chapter 2. But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine, that the aged men be sober-minded, giving temperance and sound in faith, in love and in

patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things, that they may teach young women to be sober-minded, to love their husbands, and to love their children. You see, she's doing that right now as our daughters are growing up.

We have two teenage daughters, one's seventeen and one's fourteen. And as these daughters watch their mother, they are learning to be godly mothers. They see the qualifications that it takes.

They see the effort that their mother puts into it. She loves her husband. Now, that must be an effort there.

But she loves her husband and she loves her children. And she's teaching her daughters that sure, dad doesn't do everything right, but my job is to love him. And she has all different ways of loving me.

And her love is strong. And then as you talk about that love of a mother and what it does, you know, we men always reap the benefits. We always reap the benefits of something that God does through a godly wife or even through children.

Let's turn over, turn back to Proverbs 31. Now, I know that Proverbs 31 is always used on Mother's Day and all kinds of things on it. But I want you mothers and dads to take a look at this this morning.

And we'll start in, in verse ten. Who can find a virtuous woman, for her price is far above rubies? A virtuous woman. What is a virtuous woman, Don? A virtuous woman.

You might like to catch me on something, but I don't know. My first thought is a good woman. A godly woman.

A godly woman. Virtue. She has godly character in her.

You know, it's interesting, if you turn back to Peter, it says, it talks about education. It says, add to your faith virtue and to your virtue knowledge or godly, or godly character. But add to your faith godly character.

And how does faith come? By hearing. By hearing the word. And by hearing the word.

Let's go on and look at this just a minute. We've got a virtuous woman. Now, that's your wife.

That's you, Mom. You're a virtuous woman. And your price, Mom, is far above that of rubies.

Okay? Her husband, the heart of her husband does safely trust in her so that, so that he has no need of spoil. He's taken care of at home. He's ravished with your love.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. Mom, you've got a lifelong project, haven't you? She seeks wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands. You know, I don't know how many of you men have had the privilege of staying home a few days and watching what your wife does.

But they're busy. You take a wife that's raising children and taking care of a husband. She's busy.

She's a busy woman. She's like the merchant ship. She brings her food from afar.

She rises also while it is yet night and giveth food to her household and a portion to her maidens. She considereth the field and buyeth it. With the fruit of her hand she planteth the vineyard.

She girdeth her loins with strength and strengthen her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good and her lamp goes not out by night. Mom, is your merchandise good? Does it line up with the word of God? Your merchandise.

Do a word study on that. See what merchandise is. She layeth her hands to the spindle and her hands hold the distaff.

She strengtheth, she stretcheth out her hand to the poor, yea, she reacheth forth her hand to the needy. And she's not afraid of the snow for her household, for all her household are clothed with scarlet. You know, this one here makes me think of my wife.

Up in our country we get a lot of snow. We usually get around four feet of snow through the winter. And she's always careful of how her children are clothed.

Before winter starts she makes sure that all the mittens are made, all the wool socks are in good array, and that we all have good clothing to wear outside. That's a godly mother. That takes a lot of effort.

And that takes planning out of season. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry. Her clothing is silk and purple.

Now she's talking about the quality of her clothes. You know, clothing on a woman is very important. How does your wife dress? Do you dress her like you like to see other women dressed? Do you dress her beautifully, comingly to herself, something that fits her personality? Or do you try to make her look like somebody else? Moms look like yourselves.

Look like yourselves. You're beautiful. Now let's look at 23.

Her husband is known in the gates when he sitteth among the elders of the land. You know, I was always trying to get a ministry going, working hard to get a ministry going. And God brought to my attention that my ministry was in my home.

And as I began to minister to my wife and my children, just from the things that they said to other people, I had an audience bigger than I could handle. People from all over the country were calling and asking for questions. Would you come and visit with us? Would you help us out in our marriage? It wasn't because of me, but because of my wife.

She's made me known in the gates. Interesting, isn't it, that it's in there, Don? All right, let's go on. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it, and delivereth girdles unto the merchants.

Strength and honor are her clothing, and she rejoices in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom. Remember, wisdom is seeing life from God's perspective.

So when she opens her mouth, she speaks the things that God's word has said that you dads have planted there. You have planted the seed. This is where you reap your harvest.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh wells to the way of her household, and eateth not the bread of ildness. And then this is the verse I like most of all, is verse 28.

Her children rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also, and he praises her. And men, let me ask you today, are you praising your wife? Are your children rising up to call her blessed? The word says, let no man despise the wife of your youth.

That's your responsibility to protect that wife. That's your responsibility to raise her up to be this godly woman, in Proverbs 31. If she's not there, or she's not heading in that direction, take inventory of yourselves, dad.

This is where the fault lies. Because she's a gift. She'll only be what we make her through the word of God, while we wash her with the word of God.

And mothers, I want to say to you today, God bless you. God bless you. You are the key to how this world turns.

You are the key to the nation. You are the ones that are going to raise up the leaders of this nation. You will decide whether God's wrath comes down upon us or not.

Because it's through you that God is raising up a godly generation. Keep up the good works, mom. And then we'll finish up here.

It says, many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excelleth them all. Now remember, this is what dad said. It's what he's saying about his wife.

Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain. But a woman who feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise thee in the gates.

And you know, your own works can be the result of the effort that you put into your children, the effort that you put into your husband. And they will praise you. And people will praise you because of your children.

Thinking of times when we've gone out to eat, and older people have come up to us and said, and come up to my wife and said, we'd just like to thank you for the way your children behaved in this restaurant. Last year I was in the hospital. I'm on kidney dialysis, and my wife they were taking me through some training.

And the nurse that was training said, well, you homeschool, you ought to bring your children down here. And I said, well, may I? And she said, sure. And so we brought the children down, and the two small boys were there.

And this class went on for five and a half hours. And the next day I went into class, and the boys didn't go with me. And the trainer said, where are your boys today? I said, well, they didn't come.

And she says, John, I want to know what your secret is. She says, how can you get two little boys like that to sit through a class like this for five and a half hours without raising a disturbance? I said, it's because of their mother, the training that their mother has given them. She spends time with them.

And this reflects on her, on her attitude and the way she lives. Mothers, you're important. You're important to us.

And don't ever be put down because you're a mother. That's probably the greatest position this world holds, is mother and wife. Well, thanks, John.

That's powerful. She spends time with them. I feel sorry for the child that has a mother that doesn't have time for that child.

And you might pray about fathers protecting that mother, your wife. She is the gift, as John shared, she is a gift from God. And Satan, of course, is seeking to destroy all that which is good that comes from God.

Paul said in 1 Timothy 5, 14, I will, therefore, that the younger woman marry, bear children, guide the house. That's her kingdom, is the home. You protect her kingdom.

Don't let things in. That will destroy her realm. Give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

What a blessing godly mothers are. Our nation would not be where it is today, there's no doubt about it, if we hadn't had the godly mothers behind our great statesmen and our presidents and our leaders, those that laid down their lives. They had great mothers behind them.

Well, I was just flipping back through some passages in my scripture, and I'll get back and see if John has something else to share in a minute on this, on mothers. Boy, there's a lot of great mothers, and I'm sure if you go to church today, you'll hear another good sermon on mothers. I was thinking about mothers and their love.

Boy, what kind of love did the mother of Moses have for Moses? She did everything she possibly could to preserve his life. Oh, what a tragedy to have a mother go into an abortion clinic. Boy, moms, thanks for hanging in there and raising that child.

And I know sometimes you think you're going to go crazy. We've got a little two-year-old that just turned three, and this little guy is our fifthborn. He has pushed us to the limits.

And boy, I've got him, I think it was just this week, maybe it's about every week, but I say, you can't do that to my wife. That's your mother. You can't treat her like that.

You can't wear her out. And he'll do whatever he can, and we're trying to bring him to be a submissive child so that he will not bring hardship on himself. But Moses was loved by his mother.

And of course, one of my favorites is the mother of Samuel. Wow, what a powerful story. And maybe your pastor will share that story with you today.

But the scripture says, moreover, his mother made him a little coat and brought it to him from year to year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Wow. Boy, what a heart-rending story that is.

She cried to God for a child, and God gave her the child, and then she made that most important step of all. She gave that child back to the Lord. And what you don't give to the Lord, Satan will take.

Well, John, are you looking up another passage of scripture to share with us? Well, I was thinking about Timothy there, where it talks about Lois, his grandmother. And the thing is, I just want to speak to a minute here to the grandmothers. Grandmothers, you have a very, very important role in this life.

So many of you are, as I travel across the country, that I see so many of you sitting before television sets and wasting the wisdom that's in you that this world, this younger world needs. We need the wisdom of grandparents. We need the wisdom.

I need the wisdom to train up our children that can only come from grandparents. Wisdom comes with age. And I don't think it's fair to this nation for you as grandmothers to be sitting before television sets when you should be on your knee or with your grandchildren, working with them, training them, helping your daughters and your sons to raise up a godly generation.

You have the wisdom. You've gone through the hardships of raising children. You know everything about it.

Don't let that be wasted. But share it. And mothers, call on grandmothers.

Let's get everything working in our favor. Let's take all the godly things that God has set up, the godly principles, the older woman teaching the younger women, and mothers raising up godly children. Yeah, and fathers, let's get the children and make a team, a support team for mom.

Let's get in the kitchen and help her and help with the laundry and getting the garbage out. Let's just don't let them wear themselves out. I know so many mothers, they just sacrifice and sacrifice and sacrifice.

You know, I notice that Jesus had a special eye and a special ear for mothers. One of the passages in Matthew 15 says, And behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coast and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David, my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. And Jesus met her need.

Matter of fact, you'll be hard pressed to find places in the scripture where those that cried out to Jesus didn't have their needs met. And that's why we're here today, to encourage you to come to Jesus to have your needs met. And moms, if it's hard and you're under some kind of bondage or oppression, we're here to help you.

Jesus came to set the captives free. And we know that there can be circumstances and things come into your lives that actually just brings your life into turmoil and that you become a captive. Well, you're to be free.

And that's one of the things that we want is to minister to you, to help you to be free. And fathers, you have your responsibility to minister to moms that they can be free. Well, I was just looking at a passage and then I'm going to have John share something again before we close.

But it's this, John 19, 25. Now, there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother and his mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Cleophas and Mary Magdalene. But there stood by the cross of Jesus.

One of the things about a mother love is I don't think the heart of a mother ever gives up on her child. You see your child to Jesus. Pray your child to Jesus.

If you still got the privilege of having little ones there, sit them on your knee and tell them stories, Bible stories. Tell them stories about how God worked in your life. I think one of the things that's missing in our day because of television is the sitting around and talking, just visiting and telling stories.

Well, John, what do you have there for closing comments? Well, Don, I want to just go real quickly here. There was in my life, there was I had an elderly grandmother. I remember her elderly because she was old when I was little.

But for 30 years, she prayed for me every day. Even when I wasn't walking with the Lord, she prayed for me every day. And then when I was about 30, I gave my life to the Lord.

And we were out in Oregon and went to a park and she was there. And I ran up to her and I said, Grandma, I said, I've given my life to Jesus. She said, I know that.

She told me the date that I gave my life to Jesus. I said, how did you know that? Because she said the Holy Spirit told me not to pray for your salvation anymore, but to pray for your walk with God. Well, she's since gone on to be with the Lord.

Grandmother's prayer is important. Thanks for that story. Oh, the memories of my grandmother are precious.

She went home to be with the Lord April 11th, one year ago. And that was pretty hard for me. She died while I was on the way down to see her.

Grandmothers, let me encourage you. The scripture says that the aged women, the older grandmothers, likewise that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things, that they may teach the younger women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children. One of the characteristics of a godly mother is she loves children.

And I think this is one of the reasons probably Dr. Dobson has been so strong on his program of trying to encourage mothers not to get abortions. There's other ways other than murder. Love your children.

Love your unborn. Love your unborn. Want them.

Somebody loved you. Aren't you glad that God loves you? Aren't you glad that He didn't give up on you? We live in a day of great opportunity. Mothers, what an opportunity you have to raise your children up, to stand in the gates, to stand in the gap, to be the generation that will sound forth the gospel sound that Jesus Christ died for us and rose again, that will be strong, that will be able to stand alone.

Children that will not be influenced by the temptations of the world, that will not be easily taken in by peer pressure, to be sucked into deadly habits that will kill. But as you raise them up in your homes and you keep your home a sanctuary of safety and security and a home of godly influence, moms and dads have the privilege to raise up a generation. And we need a generation like that.

And God is doing this through this homeschooling program that we're involved with. God is doing some mighty things in the lives of children. And it's taken a sacrifice.

There's been a payment to make. But the moms and dads have been willing to make this payment. Well, we've enjoyed being with you today.

And again, mothers, we lift our hearts to you. We give tribute to you. Our hats are off.

And we trust that we can be an encouragement to you. If you'd like to write to us here at On Eagle's Wings, my name is Don Corville, and you can write to On Eagle's Wings, Box 1100, Webb City, Missouri, 64870. If we can be of help to you, then you let us know so that we can minister to you.

We want God to be free in your life. We want you to learn to let Him lift you up. Let Him be your strength.

Let Him be your guide. Let Him be your friend. Until next week, may God richly bless you, my friend.

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