Moms – A Wonderful Reflection of Gods Love

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Today is a special day because we can come together like this as a family for two primary reasons. One is to honor & worship together our God and the other is to honor our moms. Both are lifetime tasks, and neither can be confined to a 1 ½ hour get-together on Sunday mornings.

Mother’s Day is one of the most enjoyable days I get to preach on. It’s special because it gives me a reason to do something I don’t normally get to do...You see, though I don’t suppose that anything has ever been said or ever will be said that is eloquent enough, or expressive enough to articulate the true value of a mother, today I get to speak and do my best before God, to bring honor to the most amazing women on the earth...Moms!

I think mothers are some of the most under-appreciated people in the world. Not just today, but especially, on Mother's Day. I’d like to remind everyone, Dads and young people, be good to Mom and appreciate her every day. Why?

Mothers wear a lot of different hats.” Maybe not actual hats, but different roles for meeting all kinds of needs. Let’s do something kind of fun: Let’s think of as many different roles, or hats as we can that Mothers wear. (Nutritionist, Chef, Teacher, Banker, Advocate, Private Investigator, Chauffeur, Personal Shopper, Home Care Specialist, Gardener, Therapist, Care Giver, Party Planner, Magician, Dr. Mom, Entertainer, Comedienne, Counselor….) Mothers are all these and more.

Today, we gather to honor the gift of mothers. But more than cards, flowers, and hugs, today is an opportunity to reflect on how a mother’s love reveals something profound about God Himself and how she is a reflection of God’s love. In what ways are Mothers a reflection of God’s love?

**1. Mom was the 1st one to love us / God loved us first**

As a child our first and most powerful experience of love came from our mothers. The love from our mothers starts from the womb and continues in the arms of our mothers.

* Isaiah 49:15

*Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne?*

Before we could speak… before we could walk… even before we understood what love meant—our mothers loved us.

In the same way, God loved us before we even knew Him.

* 1 John 4:19 – We love because He first loved us.

A mother begins loving her child from the moment she knows she’s carrying them—long before the child can love her back.

* Illustration: A mother singing to her unborn baby, buying clothes for them, preparing a home, dreaming of their future. That’s love in its purest form—not waiting to be earned, but freely given.

Our mothers’ love wasn’t based on our performance, but who we were. This love came naturally, a reflection on exactly how God’s love for us isn’t based on what we do—it’s based on who He is.

Just like Mom, God didn’t wait for us to “get it together.”

* Romans 5:8 “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Mothers reflect this so beautifully. They love us in our mess, in our rebellion, in our brokenness. They love us first and that love never ceases, no matter what, just like Gods love. Let this be a reminder that you are deeply loved—by your mother and by your Heavenly Father. As Dads and Kids, we can honor our mothers by loving others the way they’ve loved us—and the way God has loved us first.

**2. Mom bears the “Scars that Speak of Love”**

* 1 Corinthians 13 “Love is patient, love is kind…”

Mothers embody this kind of love. They give without expecting in return, they endure sleepless nights, they hold back tears to be strong for their children. And many moms bear scars.

A mother’s scars—whether physical from childbirth or emotional from years of selfless love—tell a story of sacrifice, patience, and unconditional care.

In the same way, Jesus’ scars are not just wounds; they are eternal reminders of His sacrificial love for humanity.

Both sets of scars speak not of weakness but of strength, love, and the willingness to give everything for someone else. God's love, like a mother's, is not self-seeking. He gave His Son for us—out of the same sacrificial spirit we see in every faithful mother.

How many times have our mothers silently sacrificed for us, much like Jesus quietly bore our sins?

Moms truly sacrifice more than anyone can ever know. Her scars reveal a love that many will never comprehend...a love that is so deep and true. Jesus’ scars reveal to us that Jesus loved us so much he sacrificed his life to save ours. He received these scars when He died upon the cross for our sins. He did not have to suffer. Yet, He moved into our suffering, took it on Himself, so that we could be saved from our sins.

* Isaiah 53:5 says, “He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.”

Mom bears the scars of sacrifice — Jesus bears the scars of salvation.

**3. Moms Love Unconditional and Eternal**

* Isaiah 66:13 – "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you..."
* 1 Corinthians 13:7 – "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

The truth is a mother’s love is one of the closest earthly reflections we have of God’s own love for us—unconditional in its depth, eternal in its reach, and unwavering even in our worst moments. From sleepless nights to silent prayers, from sacrifices made to smiles given, a mother's love doesn’t quit. And in that love, we truly do catch a glimpse of the heart of God.

A mother’s love continues even to their graying years. Whatever burdens their children carry, Mothers carry them, too. Whatever burdens their children are bearing, Mothers bear them, too. It’s a remarkable identification sharing experience, much like that of God with His people; experiencing sorrows together, as well as sharing joys together. And it doesn’t stop with time, instead, it is everlasting.

‘Everlasting love’…Is there anything more enduring than a mother’s love? A Mother’s Legacy Mirrors God’s Eternal Impact Her faith shapes hearts, her words become guiding lights, her prayers become shields.

Closing:

Mothers are not perfect. As matter of fact, you may have sat here this morning and thought, none of this describes my mom. My Mom isn’t even around, or didn’t care...To that I say I am sorry. But if I could encourage you today to thank God this morning for your mom. You see God did use your mom for something very special...To bring you into this world, so you can enjoy a relationship with God Himself. To that I would thank God for your mom.

Dads, young people, take note today on how blessed you truly are...A mother prays even when no one sees. She stands in faith, even when things look impossible. Her strength reflects the strength of God, who upholds us when we are weak.

To every mother, grandmother, spiritual mother, or mother-at-heart:

Know that your love matters. Your sacrificial love is not taken for granted and you faithfulness matters. You may not know it, but you are shaping lives with eternal impact. You are a mirror of God’s heart to your family, your children, to this church, and to the world. We declare today as Proverbs declare...

* Proverbs 31 “She is clothed with strength and dignity… Her children arise and call her blessed…”

To those moms who display selfless care, a nurturing spirit, and sacrificial love, we catch a glimpse and reflection of the heart of God. Thank you, Mom!

Closing Prayer:

“Lord, thank You for the gift of mothers. Thank You for the way their love reflects Yours—Loving us first, comforting, sacrificial, wise, and enduring, and everlasting. Strengthen every mother today. Remind them that they are doing holy work. May we all reflect Your love, as they so beautifully do. In Jesus' name, Amen.”