

## HIGHLY FAVORED

Of all the young women in the world at the time, God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. The angel informed her that she was "highly favored" of God (Luke 1:28).

It is important for mothers to see that they are highly favored of God just by being allowed to be mothers. God favors all of us, of course; He saves us – a phenomenal privilege and an awesome responsibility to make ourselves available to receive His favor. But godly mothers must be highly favored of God.

History shows almost all the greatest workers for God had godly mothers.

As Noah's wife, let mothers instill in their boys God's principles so they can live righteously when all their companions are evil (Genesis 6:1-6).

As Rachel, let mothers train children to avoid the strong temptations of the teen years (Genesis 39).

As Jochabed, let mothers train children to love and serve God above the world's riches (Exodus 6:20; 2:1-10).

As Hannah, let mothers teach children to pray (1 Samuel 1:11, 19-28).

As the Shunammite woman, let mothers teach their children to be at peace (2 Kings 4:26).

As Elisabeth, let mothers teach children to be righteous before God (Luke 1:6).

As Mary, let mothers teach children to obey God (Luke 2:51; John 2).

As the Canaanite woman, let mothers cry to Jesus that He might help their daughters (Matthew 15:21-28).

As Mary, John Mark's mother, let mothers teach children to value worship assemblies (Acts 12:12; 2 Timothy 4:11).

As Lois and Eunice, let mothers teach the value of unpretended faith (2 Timothy 1:5).

*"She that bare thee shall rejoice."* - Proverbs 23:25

(via Heart to Heart, House to House)

### No Boys Allowed!

Upon attempting to prepare my 7-year old daughter for a new baby in a few months, she repeatedly stated, "No boys in our house!"

After several months the BIG day arrived. My daughter came into the hospital room and I told her the baby was a boy and asked her, "what are we gonna do?" She placed both her hands on her hips and without missing a beat said, "well I guess we'll have to love the little thing!"

- Karen Dugger, (via Reader's Digest) -

### The Hardest Choice

Thirty-five years ago, when my mom was 22, she became a widow and a mother within the same month. The life she had imagined was stolen in a heartbeat. She tried to move on, but she was lost. She gave me to my father's family to be raised in the United States. Some call her weak; others call her selfish. I could be mad or bitter. Instead, I'm grateful for the life I have and to have a mother who sacrificed our relationship to give me a chance at a better life. She is courageous. She is my mother.

- Andrea Cortinas, (via Reader's Digest) -

*Nothing touches a child like mother's love.*

## News & Notes

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Next Saturday, May 14th at Columbiana. Sign up sheet on the desk.

**FRIDAY NIGHT SING:** May 20th, 7:00 p.m. at Hanoverton.

**PANTRY:** Applesauce.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** *At Home:* Stan Williams (pneumonia), Melissa Rosohac, Becky McKittrick, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, David McCoy, Russell Martin, Claudette Miller, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Nicole Stoffer (aunt of Tamara Sprout), Lori Rowand. *Weston, WV:* Rick Beck.



### Mother's Day Wishes

*May your path  
be strewn with flowers,  
memories, friends  
and happy hours.  
May blessings come  
from heaven above,  
to fill your life  
with peace  
and love.*

An English Blessing

*Of all earthly things God gives,  
There's one above all others:  
It is the precious, priceless gift  
Of loving Christian mothers.*

- Anonymous -

*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*