

**CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

- **“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee”** (Exod 20:12).
- **“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward”** (Ps 127:3).
- **“My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck”** (Prov 1:8-9).

**INTRODUCTION:**

**A. Mother’s Day was started by a woman named Anna M. Jarvis, a pastor’s daughter, from Grafton, West Virginia.** She lived from 1864 to 1948. She got the idea for Mother’s Day when her own mother died in 1907. At a community-wide memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, she gave a carnation (her mother’s favorite flower) to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity across the country. On May 19, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother’s Day.

- 1. Honor all women on Mother’s Day** – Grandmothers, Aunts, Stepmothers, Godmothers, Sisters, Daughters, Cousins and Single-mothers. Adoptive mothers and mothers to be.
- 2. Celebrate Mother’s Day** with flowers, cards, gifts, and phone calls. Take mother out to lunch and attend church with her – show your love for her.
  - “Honor ... thy mother” (Exod 20:12)
  - “Honor ... thy mother” (Deut 5:16)
  - “For God commanded ... honor thy ... mother” (Matt 15:4)
  - Jesus commanded ... honor thy mother” (Matt 15:4)
  - “Honor thy ... mother; which is the first commandment with promise. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth” (Eph 6:2-3).

**B. “Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies”** (Prov 31:10).

**C. After creation, God saw that Adam was lonely. Therefore, He created a companion for Him.**

- <sup>18</sup>And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. <sup>21</sup>And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

<sup>22</sup> And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. <sup>23</sup> And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. <sup>24</sup> Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh (Gen 2:18, 21-24).

**D. “All that I Am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.” – President Abraham Lincoln**

**PROPOSITION:**

**In this lesson, we will look at three Women of the Bible: Bathsheba, Mary (The Mother of Jesus), and Mary of Bethany.**

**I. BATHSHEBA (1 Kings 2:13)**

- “And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably” (1 Kings 2:13).
- “And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias” (Matt 1:6).

**A. Although Bathsheba was guilty of having an adulterous relationship with David (2 Sam 11-12), it resulted in a son named Solomon who is famous for his wisdom (1 Kings 4:29-34).**

1. Solomon asked God for wisdom, and it was granted (1 King 3:13-15).
2. Solomon used wisdom involving two harlots – one dead child/one live child (1 Kings 3:16-28).
3. Solomon is known as the world’s wisest man (1 Kings 3:12).
4. Solomon reigned for forty years as the King of Israel (1 Kings 11:42; 2 Chron 9:30).
5. Solomon wrote 3,000 Proverbs and 1005 songs (1 Kings 4:32). He wrote the Song of Solomon, The Book of Ecclesiastes, and much of the Book of Proverbs.

**B. “Solomon loved many strange women ... He had seven hundred wives, princesses and three hundred concubines. His wives turned away his heart after other gods. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father” (1 Kings 11:1-6).**

**POINTS TO PONDER:**

**The relationship between David and Bathsheba does not justify adulterous relationships. However, their relationship resulted in a son named Solomon who was known for his wisdom. Never try to justify sin.**

- **Keep in mind that we serve a God that forgives us of our sins. Follow the command that Jesus gave the woman caught in the very act of adultery – “...Go, and sin no more” (John 8:1-11).**

- “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (Eph 1:7).
- “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

## II. **MARY (THE MOTHER OF JESUS)** – (Luke 1:26-55)

- “<sup>26</sup> And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. <sup>29</sup> And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: <sup>33</sup> And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end” (Luke 1:26-33).

**A. The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that she would be the mother of Jesus. This is a fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14.**

**B. Mary was pure, a virgin and highly favored by God.**

**C. Mary was submissive to the will of God.**

1. She knew that having a child required a miracle as she knew not a man – she was a virgin (v. 34).
2. She was puzzled – but did not doubt or distrust the message she received from Gabriel.
3. **Mary’s submission** – She believed that “with God nothing is impossible” (v. 36) and she said, “Be it unto me according to thy word” (vv. 38).
  - **Mary, brought forth her firstborn son ... and called His name Jesus”** (Matt 1:25).

### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

- **As Believers, we should practice being submissive to God’s will even when it seems impossible. “For with God nothing shall be impossible” (v. 37).**
- **As Believers, if we love the Lord, we will want to obey Him – submit to His will.**
- **“If ye love me, keep my commandments”** (John 14:15).
- **“Obey God and leave the consequences to Him”** – Charles Stanley

- ❖ Charles Stanley credits his grandfather for his strength of faith. In one of his books he quotes him saying, “*Charles, if God tells you to run your head through a brick wall, you head for the wall, and when you get there, God will make a hole for it.*” His firm belief was to ‘always trust and obey God, then leave all the consequences to Him.’

### **III. MARY OF BETHANY**

#### **A. Mary sat at the feet of Jesus for instruction.**

- “And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word” (Luke 10:39).
- 1. Mary was loving and humble. She sat at the feet of Jesus in humility.
- 2. Mary had a spiritual hunger for the Word of God. She had a readiness to hear the Word of God.

#### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

- **Do you have a spiritual hunger for the Word of God?**
- **How would you rate your spiritual hunger for the Word of God when it comes to Bible Reading, Daily Devotions and hearing the Preached Word?**

#### **B. Mary sat at the feet of Jesus for comfort.**

- “Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died” (John 11:32).

After the death of Lazarus, Mary came to where Jesus was. She fell down at His feet and confessed, “Lord, If thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.”

1. Mary found comfort when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (vv. 38-44).
2. Many of the Jews that came with Mary believed on Christ while some gripped with unbelief and caused trouble.
  - “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” (John 3:36).
  - “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins” (John 8:24).

#### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

- **Who have you talked to lately about Jesus and his Saving Grace?**
- **Be sure to distribute Gospel Tracts at Stores and Restaurants. Invite someone to lunch and share the Gospel.**

#### **C. Mary sat at the feet of Jesus for service.**

- “Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment” (John 12:3).
- 1. Mary’s love and devotion to Christ caused her to anoint His feet with a pound of very costly oil of spikenard. This act of worship demonstrates that there is nothing too valuable to give to Christ.
- 2. Christ is worthy of everything that we have and are.

### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

- **Always do your best and let God do the rest.**
  - “<sup>23</sup> And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; <sup>24</sup> Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. <sup>25</sup> But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons” (Col 3:23-24).
- **Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver**  
 Lord, You are more precious than silver; Lord, You are more costly than gold;  
 Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds; And nothing I desire compares with You.  
 Lord, Your life is divine, eternal. Lord, Your life regenerated me.  
 Lord, Your life is growing within me, Until I am fully conformed to Thee.

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

“<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, <sup>47</sup> And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour” (Luke 1:46-47).

### **CONCLUSION:**

#### **A. HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY**

#### **B. Women have much to do in influencing the course of the world.**

Many women “work behind the scenes” in making the home and community a success. Women are also involved in many other areas of the employment scene. God created women to be a help to man. As you read the Bible you will see that God’s plan for woman is to help and encourage man.

#### **C. ABC’s of Salvation**

- **A – Admit** that you’re a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)

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“.... but the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).