

How Does God Feel About Mothers?

Let's take a look at how Jesus interacted with His mother to get an idea of how God thinks we should treat our mothers.

I. We need to Remember our Mother's Emotional and Physical Needs.

When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, "Dear woman, here is your son." And he said to this disciple, "Here is your mother." And from then on this disciple took her into his home. – John 19:26-27

- A. Jesus was concerned for His mother's **E** _____ well-being.
 - a. A mother's strength is also her vulnerability.
 - b. She was created to Love and Be Loved.
 - c. She needs connection and relationship.
- B. Jesus was concerned for His mother's **P** _____ well-being.
 - a. A mother wants to be a tireless caretaker.
 - i. But she has limitations.
 - ii. Jesus understood her needs (elderly) and **P** _____ for her in her old age.
- C. Jesus prioritized God's Mission BUT still provided for His mother.
 - a. Jesus never compromised on God's mission for Him.
 - b. Jesus never neglected His position as son of Mary.

II. As young people, we need to submit to our mothers even when she does not completely understand us.

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. - Luke 2:41-52

- A. Sometimes parents don't **U** _____.
 - a. Jesus tried to **C** _____.
 - b. When they couldn't understand, Jesus **O** _____ anyway.
- B. Obey anyway
 - a. Sometimes God uses parents to "chip away" our imperfections.

III. As adults, we need to Respect our Mother's wishes even when it means an interruption in our schedule.

"Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ... This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him. – John 2:1-12 (NLT)

- A. Relationship of Adult Parent to Adult Son
 - a. Do **W** _____ He says – Mary trusted Jesus as an adult.

B. When Mom Interrupts

- a. **R** _____ Mother anyway – Allowed His mother to interrupt His timetable.
- b. **G** _____ God through serving Mother's wishes
- c. His glory was revealed and His disciples **B** _____. – Reveals your character and is good for your reputation.

IV. For those who grieve

a. Story of Elisha

"Did I ask you for a son, my lord?" she said. "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't raise my hopes'?" – 2 Kings 4:28

b. Jesus' words of comfort

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" – John 11:25

Answers:

I. A.) Emotional; B) Physical; ii.) Provided

II. A.) Understand; a.) Communicate; b.) Obeyed

III. A.a.) Whatever; B.a.) Respected; B.b.) Glorified; B.c.) Believed