



Life Lines

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My Lines
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Mothers' Day 2005 (I Samuel 1)

Hannah prayed constantly to God for a child. She made a promise to God if she had a child she would bring him up to know, worship and serve God.

Hannah, a devoted mother, had the Biblical perspective of the goal of motherhood.

The Biblical perspective sees children as a stewardship, a gift from the Lord to be returned to Him.

Mothers face problems and challenges every day. Some are tough problems that when "mom, you need help – ask for it." Don't stop praying, no matter how long you may have been praying for that son or daughter, maybe husband or wife. God has a plan for you. Find out what God is seeking to do in or with your life. Your example and prayers go a long way! *"For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well."* (II Timothy 1:5)

The most common challenges of mothers:

1. low self-esteem
2. monotony and loneliness
3. stress from too many demands
4. lack of time with husband
5. confusion and discipline
6. home atmosphere
7. need for outside role models
8. training of children

God will help.

Ways to make a mother feel special:

1. Tell her you love her, thank her

2. show your love with flowers, a gift, a card, a hug
3. take her out
4. treat her special, don't take advantage of her
5. give her a call
6. pray for her every day

Prayers can make her a better mom and make you a better family member.

The backbone of the church is full of mothers.

1. we must never diminish the roles God has assigned us in life.
2. motherhood is the role God has assigned you.
3. *mothers are the most influential people in the world.*
4. mothers, make a decision to give your children to the Lord for a lifetime of dedication and service.

It was through the woman that God chose to shape us, give us form and substance of life.

"Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying: 'Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all.' Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised." (Proverbs 31:28-30)

The Meanest Mother in the World

We had the meanest mother in the whole world!

Other kids ate candy for breakfast, but we had to have cereal, eggs and toast. When others had a Pepsi and a Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. You can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from other kids, too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we

were convicts. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook, vacuum, do laundry and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she lay awake at night thinking of more things for us to do.

She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds. Then, life was really tough!

Mother wouldn't let our friend's just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. Everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13; we had to wait until we were 16.

Because of our mother, we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced. But none of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's property, or ever arrested for any crime. We never got drunk, took up smoking, stayed out all night, or a million other things kids did. It was all her fault.

Sundays were reserved for church and we never missed once. We knew better than to ask to spend the night with a friend on Saturdays.

Now that we have left home, we are all God-fearing, educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom.

I think that's what is wrong with the world today – it just doesn't have enough mean moms.

Source Unknown

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

At a time when God's chosen people had been forsaken by Him, for their wickedness, Daniel emerged as a young man favored by God. Daniel was one of the many young men who were taken into captivity at Babylon. God had warned the people, through prophets, of the coming destruction of Jerusalem. He also told them that if they would go to Babylon and endure this seventy year exile He would be with them. Daniel was one of them who did just that.

He had not come from Judah at a time when the kings were faithful. He may have been born when the good king, Josiah, reigned, but probably grew up with the next king. This king was not faithful to God. So, in spite of this time, Daniel became a faithful young man, determined to serve God.

During his captivity he would not defile himself with the king's rich food or wine. Later, under King Darius of the Medes, he defied the king's decree that was arranged by the jealous young men of Babylon. Daniel knew that God could protect him from the hungry lions, but was not sure that would be God's will. God showed him kindness because of his faith, by saving him from the hungry lions. God also gave him wisdom and understanding by being able to interpret dreams and visions.

Daniel made a big impact on those around him with his ability to interpret dreams and visions. His faithfulness gave him a prosperous life during exile. He continued to be a voice for the Lord in his older age. Through these interpretations Daniel shows how God guides and intervenes in the affairs of men.

We aren't threatened in our walk with God as Daniel was, but I wonder how we would react if we were. Would we put God first in any situation? We let little meaningless things keep us from worship. We don't pray as often as we should. We don't help others as we should. Maybe we need some danger to awaken us. Let us not let wickedness overcome us to where He feels the need to destroy our country as He did Jerusalem and the people of Judah.

Remember Our Sick

Luella Bellomo – is in the final stages of terminal cancer. Prayers are needed for her and her family and friends as they face this difficult time.

Thelma Hatcher – health has deteriorated, has made a decision to go into a retirement center.

Otis Hibbard – had a successful surgery. No treatments necessary.

Kathryn Hobbs – close friend of Leota Hickey, has not regained consciousness since surgery April 13th, in L.R., UAMS

Carl Lawley Family: needs prayer.

Bill McAlister – had surgery for blood clots at AR Heart Hospital, Tuesday, May 10th.

Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits. All live in the Dover Area.

Evelyn Burton
Louise Killer
Mae Vanzandt

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Doris Karnes Bachand, Susie Boley, Amber Bolin, Donna Brewer, Bernice Brown, Michelle Crutcher, Jeff Davis, Wanda Dickerson Bennie Drewry, Bob and Rose Lee, Jerry Martin, Debbie Meyer, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Nolan Passmore, Teresa Phillips, Wilma Shirley, Esther Sparks, Harold and Mildred Turner and Earl Whitted.

Expectant Mothers: Melissa Jackson, Kemah Johnson and Kristen Loper Nordin.

Special Children: (Birth Defects) - Zachary Shelton, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: John Allen, Greg Davis, Paul Holt, Randall Nixon and Rudy Will.

Cole Wetzel and Darus Brown came home temporarily for a two week leave then must go back to the front.

CONGRATULATIONS

Chris Moss has earned his Master's Degree in Information Technology from ATU, graduates May 14, 2005.

Pearls of Wisdom

The best way to get the last word is to apologize.

We get what we give whether it be respect, suspicion, hate or love.

It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are.

You are the seed that decides the harvest around you.

Nothing you wear is more important than your smile.

Worry is like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do but doesn't get you anywhere.

A good laugh is sunshine in the house.

Watch out for temptation - the more you see of it, the better it looks.

The past should be a springboard, not a hammock.

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.

Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

When praying, don't give God instructions – just report for duty.

Exercise daily – walk with the Lord.

Give Satan an inch and he'll be a ruler.

Events

WEDDING

SHOWER

May 22, 2:00 PM

Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

FOR

Kayla Evans
and
Nathan Killer

“In Search of the Lord’s Way”

Now 24/7

The SEARCH Program can
now be accessed at any time
on its website:

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon’s weekly lessons
can be heard in this area on
KATV, Channel 4 on
Sunday, 8:00 AM.

Mark Your Calendars

WEDDING

Deidra Wilbanks
And
Jason Luker

May 28, 2005, 4 PM

Raymond Munger Memorial
Chapel
University of
The Ozarks
Clarksville, AR

Reception to follow

Congregation Invited

Vacation Bible School

Dover Church of Christ
June 20 thru 24th

More Details to Follow

Lawn Care

Friday, May 27

Lawrence Boley
and
James Chadwick

MAY Birthdays

- 2 Amelia Besterfeldt
- 5 Brett Cains
Walt Davis
- 6 Randall Walters
- 7 Jessica Straight
Victoria Thomas
Carlee Williams
- 8 Shirley Pavatt
- 13 Kelli Hottinger
Tim Mitchell
- 15 Alan Boatright
Alicia Brown
- 19 Grasiemeyer
- 20 Shelly Culwell
- 25 Diane W. Walters
- 31 Paul Helton
Don Johnson

If we missed your birthday,
please let us know so it
won’t happen again.

Need:

Cereal for Community
Drive, items for
Benevolence Food
Barrel
and canned drinks for
Camp Caudle
Campers

THOSE TO SERVE

May 22, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Alan Boatright
Blake Walters

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: Mike Creel
Paul Helton
Paul Williams
Rex McDaniel

Scripture Reading

Sid Womack

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Brett Walters
Robert Lee

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Communion to Shut-Ins

Troy Curtis
William Boley

Greeters

Marion and Joyce Helton

Wednesday Night Devotional

May 25, 2005

Marion Helton

Meeting Times
Sunday Morning Bible Classes
9:45 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship
10:45 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.
Ladies Tuesday Bible Class
10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Classes
7:00 P.M.

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156

Deacons:

Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Carin Chance
Sonia Williams

Sunday Service: Bonnie Vinson

Wednesday Class: Marilyn Veasman

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