

## What Would We Do Without Mom?

Sunday, May 8, 2022

### I. **God Created Moms – Gen. 1:27- 28; 2:18, 21-24; 3:20-21**

#### A. God Created Marriage (Gen. 2:18, 21-24)

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, **“It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”**

Genesis 2:21–24 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man **He made into a woman**, and He brought her to the man. 23 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.**” 24 **Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.**

1. God didn’t want man to be alone – name all of the animals; he couldn’t relate to them on the level that was necessary for him. v. 18
2. He made woman to be a companion v. 18
3. Husband and wife form a family unit v. 24

#### B. God Created the Family Institution (Gen. 1:27-28; 3:20-21)

Genesis 1:27–28 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, **“Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 3:20–21 - And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, **because she was the mother of all living.** 21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

1. **Mandate** - God told male and female to procreate in the context of marriage
2. **Multiply** - They were to fill the earth and have dominion over it.
3. **Mother**- She brings forth life! **“Because she was the mother of all living”**  
“Protoevangelium” – 1<sup>st</sup> mention of the Gospel is found in Gen. 3:15; “proto” is first and evangelium is the “message”

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head,  
And you shall bruise His heel.”

- God told Satan/serpent that He’d cause a tension between him and the woman
- Satan’s seed shall bruise the heel of the woman’s seed

- The woman's seed shall bruise the head of Satan's seed

\*What does this mean? Well, when you hurt your leg or foot, it does disable the whole body. You may need crutches, wheelchair or cane for a while.

- The offspring of Satan will be hurting the woman's seed.
- We see this when Christ is crucified on the Cross. Satan seems to have won.
- But the victory is short-lived because Christ rises from the dead and has victory over death. This is the death blow to Satan's seed.
- The Resurrection is the victorious event for all of mankind. It came through the seed of the woman.

**Through the woman came life for mankind. Mankind has hope through the childbearing process of the woman. Jesus Christ came through the conception, gestation and birthing process! Praise the Lord!!!**

**Thank you, moms, for going through the pains of labor to bring human life into this world!**

\*\*Now, I know motherhood can be a painful topic for those who lost children in miscarriage, loss children at a young age, had an abortion or can't have children. We live in a fallen world and tragedies and difficulties occur. I can't imagine the pain, loss and emptiness that many feel, but know that it is real. Accepting God's plan isn't always easy. We need to support, pray and empathize with our ladies who go through this.

**We want to support all women who get their identity in Christ and not in the role of being wife or mother. The greatest call for women is to be a faithful Christ follower. This can be done as a single, married, having kids or not having kids.** There are so many faithful women the Scriptures present to us because of their faith.

Esther, Ruth, Lydia, Eve, Mary, Rahab.....

Thank you women of FBC for being an example of servanthood, faithfulness, purity, love, care, compassion, godliness and Spirit filled! We will support you through healing, tragedies, challenges and opportunities.

#### **4. Maturation- Deut. 11:18-21; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4**

Deuteronomy 11:19-21<sup>19</sup> You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>20</sup> And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, <sup>21</sup> that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.

Proverbs 22:6<sup>6</sup> Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Ephesians 6:4<sup>4</sup> And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

## II. The Value of Mom on the Family (2 Tim. 1:5-7)

**2 Timothy 1:5–7** when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.  
**6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you** through the laying on of my hands. **7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Ac 16:1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek.

2 Tim 3:14–15 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

- Lois and Eunice pass the faith to Timothy; Father probably wasn't a believer
- Timothy showed "genuine faith"
- Encouraged to share and stir up the spiritual gift that God gave the believer 1:6
- Lois and Eunice taught him the Scriptures and this led him to his salvation

**Mom, you are the keys to the spiritual condition in the home. Your influence goes a long way in having your family know him and grow in faith!**

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### **The Powerful Influence of Mom on the Christian Household - May 7, 2019**

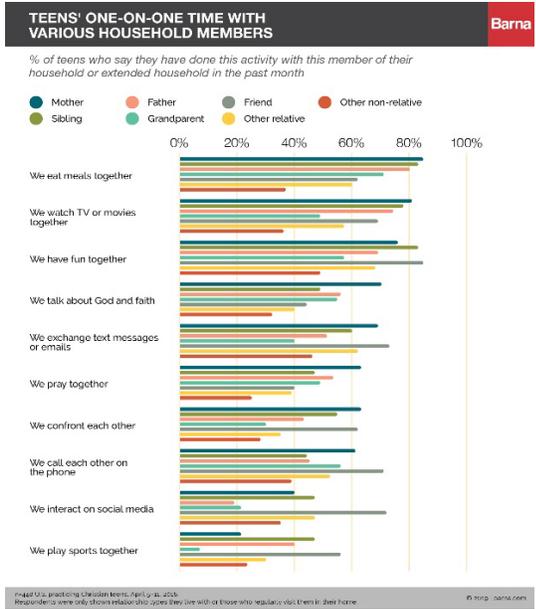
#### A. Moms Are Primary Activity and Conversation Partners for Teens

Today's Christian teen consistently identifies their mother as the principal housemate for almost all activities. Moms are the primary activity partner for their teens.

- From eating meals together (85%)
- Watching TV or movies (81%)
- Talking about God (70%)
- Having confrontations (63%)

Second only to friendships even when it comes to using their phones for texting (69% mothers vs. 73% friendships) and calling (61% vs. 71%).

CHART 1



## B. Teens Go to Moms for Tough Conversations & Personal Support

Mothers are seen as advisors and encouragers, teens report approaching them with tougher topics like sex. Christian teens also primarily seek out mothers' opinions on questions of

Faith (72%)

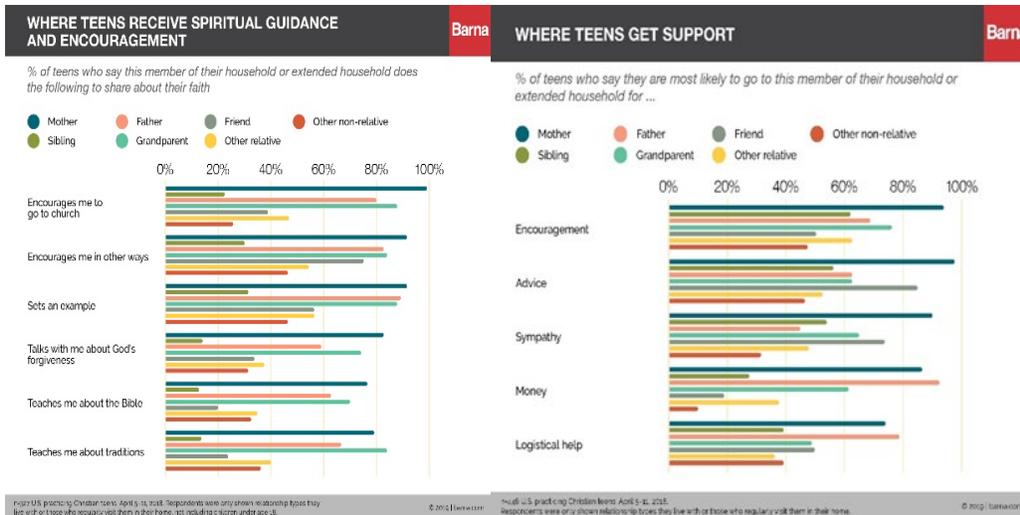
The Bible (71%)

Things that might be troubling them (78%)

Mothers are the go-to person for all kinds of support: advice (78%), encouragement (75%) and sympathy (72%). Meanwhile, fathers play a somewhat key role in meeting teens' tangible needs for money (74%) and logistical help (63%).

No wonder 68 percent of Gen Z in this survey say their mom was the one who was there for them in their last personal crisis.

CHART 2 & 3

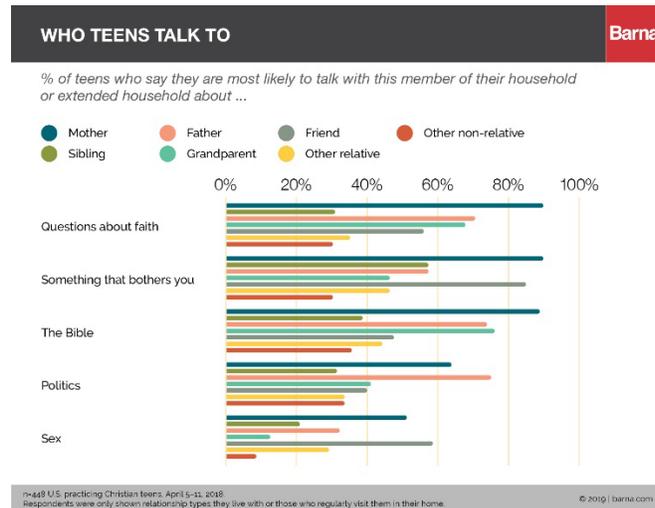


### C. Mothers Are the Main Spiritual Coaches for Teens

Practicing Christians in their teen years consistently identify mothers as the ones who provide spiritual guidance and instruction and instill the values and disciplines of their faith in the household.

- Moms are their foremost partners in prayer (63%)
- Conversations about God (70%)
- The Bible (71%)
- Other faith questions (72%).

### CHART 4



### III. Cherishing Moms

\*Have you ever met someone who is just a grateful person?

**A grateful perspective comes with understanding that we don't deserve anything. We aren't deserving or worthy in ourselves. We are creations of God. We are here by his good will. Everything that He gives us is from His grace. This includes:**

Ephesians 1:3–7 Blessings in Christ

<sup>3</sup> Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, <sup>4</sup> just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, <sup>5</sup> having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

“Chosen” (4)

“Predestined” and “adopted” (5)

“Redemption through His blood” (7)

“Forgiveness of sins” (5)

“Lavished riches of God's grace” (7)

From We Have Kids website-

- Say it when she does something for you. Even the little things, like making a sandwich, driving you to school or sports or buying you new shoes.

Say, "Thank you"—be specific.

- If you have musical talent, you could write a song for her and sing it. Live is good, but don't sell a recording short—she can keep and listen to over and over again.
- Say, "I love you, Mom!" If you haven't said it regularly, start doing so. We never did much growing up, but trying to do it more to my own mom who is almost 89.

It's simple but effective, and she probably doesn't hear it often enough.

- Tell her how helpful her advice has been.
- Call your mother in the middle of the work day and surprise her by telling her how much she means to you. She'll love that you thought of her even in the middle of the day.
- Fix things in her house. This is especially helpful as your parents get older and can't do everything for themselves.
- Do her yard work. Whether it's mowing the lawn, trimming the bushes, or planting a garden, most moms love it when you help keep their yards in good shape.
- Babysit. If you have siblings young enough to still need babysitting, offer to take care of them for one night so that she can get out for an evening, whether alone, with your dad, with her own mother, or with friends.

- Wash her car. Who doesn't love a clean car? Don't forget to vacuum out the insides and clean the insides of the windows to make it particularly special.
- Make her breakfast in bed. It's a much-loved classic. Mom's worth getting up a little early for, isn't she?
- Make her dinner. Show off whatever cooking skills you have and make dinner for your mom. Try to make it a little special. Don't forget to clean up the kitchen afterwards!
- Give her quiet time. A mother's life is often hectic. Find a way to give her some quiet time to do the things she'd like to do.
- Get everyone to come home. As everyone grows up and starts doing more of their own things, it gets harder and harder to get everyone home at once. Make plans to have everyone home for a special dinner or just simple family time.
- Clean the house. Yes, the whole thing. Get into the details. Hire a housekeeper for the day if you prefer.
- Visit her. If you don't live with your mom anymore, take some time to visit her. Make your time together a little extra special for her.
- Listen. We all have busy lives. Take a little time and listen to your mother.
- Write a letter. Write your mom a letter and tell her how much you treasure her. It's something she can keep and re-read for years.
- Write a list. If you're not so much into the letter idea, try writing a list of things you appreciate about your mom.
- Print out your favorite quotes that make you think of her. There are many online resources to find quotes, or just think up your favorites. Print them up and give them to her.
- Write a family history together. This one combines the gift of your time with writing, plus you'll end up with something the entire family may treasure.
- Leave notes for her. Write little notes about all the things you appreciate about your mom and hide them around her house.
- Take her someplace special to you both. Go together to a place that has meaning to both of you.

#### Conclusion-

1. God's best for mankind is for children to be raised in a family with a dad and mom. In today's world, it isn't always this way, but God will fill in the gaps. Protect, vote and support the family unit.
2. All women are a special creation from God. Be faithful in the position that God has put you in, whether it is single, widowed, married or as a mom.
3. Thanks moms for all that you do. What a spiritual influence they are in our families.
4. Let's appreciate the wonderful ways that they serve and love the family.