

Happy Mother's Day Luke 1:26-37

Being a mother today is a tough job & we recognize that.

But as hard as it is we need to realize that difficulties are not unique to our time.

Consider Mary, the mother of Jesus.

I. THE DIFFICULTIES MARY FACED

A. First of all, she faced the difficulty of a tarnished reputation.

Mary was pregnant out of wedlock. [Now, we know the rest of the story]!

B. Secondly, Mary experienced the difficulty of poverty.

When Jesus was brought to the Temple as a baby for the first time,

Joseph & Mary offered 2 doves, the sacrifice of the very poorest in society.

C. Another difficulty Mary experienced was being a single mom.

The last time Joseph is mentioned was when Jesus was 12 years old.

II. THE RESOURCES MARY HAD

A. Her first resource was a strong commitment to doing God's will.

Luke 1:30 - Luke 1:46, 47 - Acts 1:14 - Luke 1:35-38

Mary knew that by giving birth to Jesus she was doing what God commissioned her to do.

B. Her Second resource was a supportive husband.

Matthew 1:24

C. A third resource was a close friend who encouraged her.

Luke 1:42

Mary and Elizabeth spent about 6 months together - encouraging one another.

Hebrews 3:13

We need to encourage moms today & help them realize they're doing a job no one else can do.

III. THE REWARDS MARY EXPERIENCED

Mary was rewarded for her faithfulness as a mother.

And the God who rewarded her has promised to reward us, too.

IV. HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS:

We may have imperfect families here,

but one day we'll have a perfect family in heaven!

We'll live in a perfect environment with all His who have gone on before.

1 John 1:9

Leave it with him, and it is done!

1 Corinthians 13:12

God bless you on this very special day.