

Mother's Day REFLECTIONS

May 11, 2025

The Blessing of Being Inadequate ...
the Myth of Being a Super Mom
2 Corinthians 3:4-6

Something is unnerving about being or feeling inadequate as a mom, yet at the same time, it can be powerful when we depend on Christ.

It can be so liberating from the pressure of desiring to be a Super Mom when we realize that God’s purpose in every role and stage is that we place our complete dependency on Him even in being a mom.

Motherhood has had those challenges outside of the normal, everyday routines. When you perceive a character flaw, an unforgiving attitude, or calming a tantrum, the struggle arises between, spoiling them by giving in, being too strong on my demands for obedience or not talking back. As the kids mature, the struggle intensifies. Is it the right time to speak up or hold your tongue or even if it is your place. Afterall they’re now grown?

For years, I functioned from the premise that motherhood was a natural God-given gift to women desiring to be moms. I came to my first rude awakening when my youngest child ran to me to solve a tug of war-over a toy car, claiming he had it first. Being young and creative, I chose to admonish both boys about the benefits of sharing and invented the “solve or lose it” solution. My initial thought was teaching to resolve the issue by lovingly sharing. Peace was my ultimate goal, and while I achieved temporary peace, I later painfully realized that I never addressed the root of the problem... “selfishness.” I later repented as it became evident that it was no longer a toy car but other real-life issues such as which restaurant do we eat at for a celebration.

Sadly, we can witness the fruits of varying unaddressed flaws such as selfishness, (deciding to stay single) truth telling, unresolved conflict, tidiness and more in marriages and broken relationships. Some more ominously evident, at the death of parents.

The concept of “Mother knows best” is a myth unless we are able and willing to admit that we are inadequate in ourselves. Today, at any age or state of mothering, I caution mothers to beware of the frivolous/cuteness of how they look and carefully evaluate our mothering abilities through the eyes of Christ.

In 2 Corinthians 3:6, Paul could have struggled with "super apostle syndrome," he confesses that the power of Christ is on greater display when we confess "His strength is perfect in our weakness" and see God prove His sufficiency in us. God will do awesome work in and through us if we continue to seek His wisdom, the Spirit's growth in our lives as we daily seek to obey Him (Philippians 2:12-13) because even though we may have some inadequacies, He blesses us so that "all things work out for His good" (Romans 8:28). He can manifest His love through us(John 13:34-35; 1 John 2:3-6) and His strength has the ability to overpower our weakness (Philippians 4:13; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10). Paul always bore in mind, "Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God." (2 Corinthians 3:4-6)

So go ahead, keep striving to be the Super Mom God means for you to be! Know that you are not alone. Growing in Christ can cover it all.

Happy Mother's Day!! Take all the love you can get, you desire it!!

— Eve

UPCOMING Events



PASSIONATE ABOUT THE PERFORMING ARTS? — Join us on Saturday, May 17th at 11AM for “Behind The Curtain: Insights From An Independent Creative,” feat. Marcus Freeman from Silverlake Church. Whether you’re an aspiring actor or a seasoned creator, gain insight that can elevate your craft. **Contact Melia Washington at melita290@gmail.com for more details.**



COVENANT KEEPERS MARRIAGE MINISTRY RETREAT — MAY 16TH-18TH, 2025
Join the Marriage Ministry **May 16th-18th** for a “Weekend to Remember” presented by Family Life at the Houston Marriot in Sugar Land. **Register at <https://events.familylife.com/eventHouston2025>.** For more information on the LWFC Marriage Ministry email lwfcmarriagemin@gmail.com.



REVENGE BODY PT. 2—JUNE 7TH
Calling all singles and married couples, join us on **Saturday, June 7th at 4:30PM** for Revenge Body Pt. 2. A series designed to help us use the body of Christ to heal from past or current pains and trauma. Experience fellowship with us, food, and interactive fun. For more information, please contact Keron Brown or Rashaud Hudson.



CLASS OF 2025 — Please submit your full name and one graduation picture (or picture of yourself) to be recognized throughout May! College graduates, please include the name of your college or university. Congratulations graduates, your LWFC Family is so prod of you! **Submit all requested material via email to marketinglwfc@gmail.com.** For more details contact Keron Brown or Brandon Crenshaw.



SUMMER ADVENTURE 2025—MAY SPECIAL!
Calling all young explorers, artists, and scientists! ABC Word Academy and LWCA are bringing learning and unforgettable experiences to life with our action-packed Summer Adventure Program, which includes NASA & STEM Explorations, art classes, performing arts, and outdoor fun. Register your children, ages 5-12 today! **Call (281) 445-9673 or register online at <http://tinyurl.com/LWFCSummerCamp>.**



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Opening Song

Communion

Welcome Video

Praise & Worship

Worship In Giving

Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses

Visitor’s Welcome

Mother’s Day Celebration

Special Music

“Unconditional Love”

1 Kings 3: 23-28

Click “Sermon Notes” on the Website

Call to Discipleship

Please remain seated at this time

Benediction

Children are now required to check-in upon arrival. Please report to the registration desk located in the children’s wing.

Infants—6th grade

LEGACY EFFECTING TODAY FOR TOMMORROW youth ministry of LIVING WORD FELLOWSHIP

MIDDLE SCHOOL - HIGH SCHOOL

2 3 4 & TUESDAY NIGHTS

SUNDAY 7:30 PM

Unconditional Love
1 Kings 3:23-28

A. Love Under Fire (v. 23)

- 1. Solomon, after listening to a mother who came to the Supreme Court (King Solomon), desperate to have her child back, decided to continuously address the issue but take control of their argument (I am sure it was highly emotional). Clearly, the mother of the living brought the issue because Solomon starts with what she is saying.
- 2. The word Solomon chose to describe life reflects how Solomon valued life. He viewed life as intrinsically good and as a premium for vitality and prosperity for all beings whether human or animals. Solomon wants to hear this case because he values all that is alive and what was lost, especially since he truly had high honor for his mother.
- 3. Because it was obvious that the battle between these women was going nowhere, Solomon did not have a DNA testing site and had no idea whose child it was. Solomon repeatedly kept asking for someone (many guards near him) to do whatever it took to bring him a sword.
- 4. Having a baby in their day, when there was no incubator, pre-natal care, or hospitals, only midwives, was a tremendous gift from God (Psalm 127:3). Life is a great honor that represents vitality, legacy, and hope (Naomi in the Book of Ruth); therefore, to lose one’s life is a tremendous loss. The other mother had already lost her child’s life, so a true mother, understanding the value of life, would vehemently protect life.
- 5. Solomon, having a very good mother, decided to test the heart of these women, knowing they were prostitutes. His mother is probably near him on a throne he established for her (1 Kings. 2:19).

B. A Mother’s Heart (v. 26)

- 1. The woman whose child had life could not stop speaking. Please note that the king has taken over their argument and is continuously talking. She breaks in with no plans to stop speaking, even though she knows Solomon is the king, which means she is over speaking the king when she begs for her child’s life.
- 2. When this mother heard Solomon, her heart became very merciful for her son. Nothing else mattered, not the loss of the other woman’s child. She was standing before King Solomon; no one person mattered, only her son. She was overwhelmed with a deep sense of compassion for her child.
- 3. Solomon, witnessing the heart-felt cry of compassion for her child, spoke over her relentless pleading and commanded those around him to take the child that is alive and permanently place him in his mother’s care.
- 4. You don’t have to come from a perfect background or be a perfect woman to be a great mother. You have to love your child. It is the difference maker to have a tender love for your child.

C. Love Finds a Way (v. 27)

- 1. After the mother’s plea for compassion and the other woman’s response, Solomon verbally overrides all the conversations and rules as king. He was more than ever convinced who the mother was.
- 2. By saying this mother, Soloman was also implying she is the true giver of life and the one who brings the potential for vitality and prosperity to all those who come from her son, which is a blessing from God.
- 3. When ALL Israel gave their undivided attention to what took place (having a child in this culture is viewed in high esteem – Sarai) and came to an intellectual understanding because of all that happened, they believed immediately that Solomon was truly anointed by God. In other words, of all the sons that David had, Solomon was the correct replacement.
- 4. Motherhood, being so highly honored and appreciated, caused the nation to revere it, holding Solomon in awe for the wisdom he displayed.
- 5. They were convinced that God had anointed Solomon to rule before the people, executing justice for the oppressed and the poor and establishing peace. This made Solomon a hero before the people.



**ATTENTION
2025 GRADUATES**

IF YOU ARE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL
OR COLLEGE PLEASE SEND:

- 1. YOUR FULL NAME
- 2. ONE PHOTO OF YOURSELF
- 3. COLLEGE GRADUATES
THE NAME OF YOUR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDED

EMAIL TO MARKETINGLWFC@GMAIL.COM
THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MAY SO THAT WE CAN
RECOGNIZE YOUR AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

A black graduation cap with a tassel made of red, yellow, and black threads, resting on a light-colored surface.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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