

Motherhood: A Calling From God

Introduction - History's most **FAMOUS** mother was called by God to a task just like parents and children are today.

I. A mother called by God **SUBMITS** to His plan - Luke 1:26-38

- She didn't waiver from God's call
- Was she afraid, nervous, unsure of her own abilities, anxious about prophecies concerning pain?... Absolutely
- Like today, she wanted only the best for her child
- What makes Mary worth imitating is that she had no room for commitment to anything else

II. A mother called by God does not have to be **PERFECT!**

- Example: Ben Carson's mother
- Clear indication of Mary's imperfection - John 2:1-4;
- Matthew 12:46-50
- In spite of her flaws, Mary raised the Messiah (God can use you too)

III. A mother called by God never **RELINQUISHES** the title

- Simeon's prophecy came true - Luke 2:34-35
- Mary was His mother from beginning to end - John 19:25
- All mothers (parents) know there will be pain, sleepless nights, harsh words, tough love, unacceptable actions, betrayal and rebellion; through it all, they never relinquish the title

IV. A mother called by God sees God's **PLAN** for her children

- Mary suffered through the crucifixion, celebrated the resurrection and witnessed the Holy Spirit's arrival - Acts 1:14
- Seeing God's plan for your children come to fruition is a blessing of a mother's commitment

Conclusion - Our prayer is that mothers would realize the importance of their role, would be immersed in God's Word and would be fully

COMMITTED to the calling He has given them!