



Pastor's Perspective — Learning from Jochebed

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There's an old Jewish proverb that says: "God couldn't be everywhere and so He made mothers."

I would dispute the theology, but agree with the sentiment. When it comes to the raising children, no one has greater influence or responsibility than mom.

If we could pull back the curtain on Moses' decision to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a short time—regarding disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than all the treasure of Egypt, I have no doubt that we would discover the influence of a godly mother.

Do you remember how Pharaoh's daughter fetched the baby from the water, named him Moses and then employed his own mother as his nurse?

Though she was a Hebrew slave, Jochebed spent what little time she had with her son seeking to anchor his young heart to God. I can picture her teaching him to pray and sing praises to God. She must have taught him of God's holiness, of God's

expectation that His children be pure and true, of the Fall and God's plan of salvation, and of God's teachings and His laws. Above all, she must have provided a living example of faith and reverence for God—for despite years of Egyptian schooling and promises of riches and power, when it came time to make a choice, Moses chose the God of his mother and became the leader of God's people.

May all of our moms be aware of their influence and have the same desires for their sons and daughters, as did Jochebed for her son.

*The wise woman builds her house,
but with her own hands the
foolish one tears hers down.
Proverbs 14:1*

Moms of Missionaries Prayed for God's Leading

By Sherry Wasserstein

Even before he was born, D___ R___'s mom was praying. She prayed that he would grow to do the Lord's work. And though she prayed, she didn't tell him about that prayer, "I waited for him to be called and make that decision himself," she said.

Likewise, Peggy B___ prayed for her children, including son, P___. Parents Peggy and Dwight asked the Lord that all their children would grow to be Christians walking with the Lord, going where the Lord wanted them to go. Today, one of her sons is also on the mission field.

These mommas' lives are in complete contrast to the report given by Dr. Todd Ahrend in the book *"In This Generation"*, when he says, "The possibility that Christian parents are the number one hindrance to world evangelization is truer than we would like to admit." Missionary students are often warned that perhaps their biggest struggle to go to the mission field will not be finances, but the persuasion of



parents that they not go.

This is probably because, as Oswald Chambers said, "Obedience to the call of Christ nearly always costs everything to two people—the one who is called, and the one who loves that one."

Mother's Day is a good time to reflect on the job of being a mom. And both Peggy and George Ann are great examples of mommas who seek God's best for their children and dedicated them to the Lord. These two moms are also parents of two couples on the mission field supported by our church.

Peggy is quick to assure that she didn't specifically pray that P___ go to the mission field—because the focus and desire of her heart was not to do that particular work, but simply to do and go where God called. "I don't put more emphasis on one than another," she said, adding that other children obeying God in the secular world is also wonderful.

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But she said that their desire was to see their children following Him and His leading.

But both women prayed for their children. And that seems to be a common theme in women who have dedicated their children to the Lord.

“I prayed with them,” George Ann recalls. She advises, “pray about things; know who your children are with; be sure they’re in church with you; and have the house always open.”

Peggy, too, recalled that growing up, their children met a lot of missionaries and international people who were welcomed into their home. “It was a great joy that we had international people—missionaries—in our home over the years. I think that had an impact on our sons. Thankfully they assisted with hosting.”

She also advised parents to “always pray for the children. Guide them and give them a variety of

activities in the Lord’s work. Pray they will listen to what the Lord wants them to do and listen to the Spirit’s leading.”

Lest one think that it is always easy to see your child go on the mission field, George Ann admitted that she sometimes cried. D___ had warned her not to cry when he left for his calling, but she recalls one night when she did. And now, with grandsons heading to the mission field with her great-grandchildren, she has a temptation to worry. “They’re under the Lord’s care. But you know me, I worry. I shouldn’t. I should turn it over to the Lord’s care.” But she has learned that the Lord has intervened many times in the care of His children.

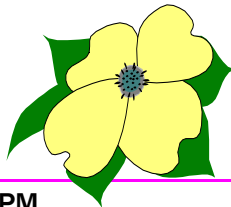
Peggy, too, has learned a lot by encouraging her children to follow God’s leading. One practical advice: being flexible. “It wasn’t a particular struggle to let them go. I didn’t have my goals set. And I found out you could celebrate a holiday anytime—you could be flexible.”

Money Matters

April Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$5,989
Weekly Need	\$5,052
Year-to-Date General Fund Giving	\$73,193
Year-to-Date General Fund Need	\$80,832

Spring Festival Volunteers Needed

Our Spring Festival is just around the corner. This labor-intensive outreach ministry is Saturday, June 4. We will need lots of help. There is a sign-up list in the foyer.



May Calendar

May 7	Mother’s Day Tea, 1:00 PM
May 10	Nursing Home Ministry, 2:00 PM
May 18	Missions Prayer Meeting, 7:30 PM
May 19	ESL Class Party, 8:00 PM
May 22	Awana Award Ceremony, 6:00 PM
May 29	Memorial Day Lunch (No PM Ministries)
June 4	Spring Festival, 12:00 - 4:00 PM



Congratulations to the winners of our April Chili Cook-Off:

- First Place: Yelka Esquivel
- Second Place: Nancy Gardner
- Third Place: Chris Malota
- Mad Scientist: Jade Harberg

2016 Bible Memory Project May Verse



*Except the LORD builds the house, its
builders labor in vain. Unless
the LORD watches over the
city, the watchmen stand in
guard in vain.
~ Psalm 127:1*

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