



# A Mother's Love

## Scriptures in Reference:

### **Luke 1:13-17 New Living Translation (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John. <sup>14</sup> You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great in the eyes of the Lord. He must never touch wine or other alcoholic drinks. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before his birth.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many Israelites to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> He will be a man with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will prepare the people for the coming of the Lord. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children,<sup>[b]</sup> and he will cause those who are rebellious to accept the wisdom of the godly."

### **Luke 1:35-38 New Living Translation (NLT)**

<sup>35</sup> The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For the word of God will never fail.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>38</sup> Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

### **Luke 1:39-45 New Living Translation (NLT)**

<sup>39</sup> A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town <sup>40</sup> where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. <sup>43</sup> Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? <sup>44</sup> When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. <sup>45</sup> You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."

## Summary:

We want to honor our moms on Mother's day in the best way we can. For many, this is the day to honor our mother, for others, this is a difficult day in many ways. In this weeks Sunday's sermon Pastor Henry Herrera discusses the importance of honoring our Mothers and the importance of a mother's faith to all believers. When Mary was only a teenager, she was confronted with the challenge of becoming the chosen mother to carry the chosen Christ. When Gabriel gave her the angelic message to carry the chosen Christ, Mary was stunned! What was her answer to this calling? "I am the Lord's servant." The power of a mothers faith! Mary was fully committed to God's call over her life. Was she perfect? No, that should be good news to all of us. God has blessed us all through the birth of a mother and that is no accident. There is nothing more loving than a mother's love for her child. Honor her the best way you can.

## Questions to ask yourself:

- Who in your life has been that representation of a mother in your life?
- Can you think back on a time when the mother figure in your life exhibited Christ like love for you, loving you even when you didn't deserve it. What is a situation in your life that you can love with Christ like love?

## Become a follower of Jesus today by saying this prayer:

"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."