

R U Ready? **Part 7: "Women of Difference!"**

Current Events Series... Nothing could be more relevant in a Current Events Series than Godly Mom's! Mom's who know God, who are studying His word, seeking answers for today's questions and complexities! Establishing their homes and kids in His rightness!

Let's take a look at three "Godly mom's" who made a difference!

Mary! Luke 1.38 *"Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me as you have said!"* Mary accepted the most extraordinary offer of faith: *motherhood!* Accepting sacrifices/responsibilities/troubles/Blessings with sufferings! Hidden in heart!

Mothers armed w/faith and modeling the lifestyle are "Women of Difference!" How could she Mother of the Son of God without exercising faith? Mom's are the first doorway into faith, passing it on by actions to their children! *"They rise up and call her blessed!" Pr31.28*

Mary raises Jesus/gives Him a home... Does not give Him "the world!" Rises from obscurity/2nd most famous in heaven and on earth! *"Hail! You that are highly favored, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women!" Lk1.28* *"And blessed is the fruit/womb!" v42*

This Woman of Difference... Demonstrated trust/obedience in God... Lets Him go when the time came... Demonstrated strength/courage! Stands with Him *"at the Cross" J19.25* *"Gathered with the saints in upper room!" A1.14*

Hannah! 1Sam1.28 *"What you have given me I have given You!"* Hannah was barren, but not prayerless! She prayed and God gave her the desire of her heart: a son! And she put him in the right place: service!

Women of Difference... Know the power of prayer! It can change everything/anything! Are grateful and responsive to God! She had what she wanted but wanted God more; *she yielded her child to God! Same way we should give our kids to the One who gave them to us!*

Pharaoh's Daughter! Exodus 2.5-9 *"And she came down to the river and saw the ark, and when she opened it she saw the child, crying, and she had compassion on the him and said to the maid, 'take this child and nurse him and I will pay for his care!' And afterward he became the son of Pharaoh's daughter, and she called his name Moses"*

This Woman of Difference... Had compassion to embrace a child that was not her own... A willingness to risk on a child who was different from her... And willingness to care for him at her own expense!

Included in this story of rescue are two other women; Shiphrah and Puah! *"Women who feared God more than man and did not what the king commanded, to kill the male children!" Ex 1.15-17* *Two gals who had their priorities and allegiances right! Striking examples of anti-abortion proponents!*

Aben Ezra, Jewish historian... These two women were *"chiefs over all the midwives, more than 500."* In choosing who they would obey, they had a lot to lose... *"They feared God more than men!"* Chose to do what was right rather than easy!

So what makes a Woman of Difference? 1. Faith in God that demonstrates itself in trust, obedience, courage and duplication! 2. A life of prayer and thanksgiving to God! 3. Larger than life hearts full of compassion and willingness to go outside the societal norms! 4. Knowing the truth and following it without hesitation, even at great personal risk! 5. **Women who know that the standards of a Godly woman have remained unwavering!**