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Happy (Mother’s Day)

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**Motherhood brings a lifetime wrought with hurry, worry & a flurry of activities**

**Motherhood requires great risk, but Brings with it GREAT REWARD.**

***Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a reward from him. (Psalms 127:3)***

 *“In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee,****27****to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David..” (Luke 1:26-27)*

 **”Unplanned” events fulfil God’s purpose.**

*“Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her. (Luk 1:38)*

**God wants us to humbly accept His plan for our lives and trust Him in it.**

*This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. (Lk2:34)*

*As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a SWORD will pierce YOUR very soul. (Luke 2:35)“*

“*Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. When Jesus was 12, they attended the festival as usual.” (Luke 2:41-42)*

*“He’s just the carpenter’s son, and we know Mary, his mother, and his brothers—James, Joseph, Simon & Judas. All his sisters live right here among us.” (Matt 13:55-56a)*

*Son, his mother said to him, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere.” (Lk 2:48)*

*“But why did you need to search? He asked, Didn’t you know that I must be in my Father’s house? But they didn’t understand what he meant.” (Lk 2:49-50)*

RAISING CHILDREN IS CHALLENGING (EVEN IF THEY’RE PERFECT)

We know Jesus returned with his parents & was obedient to them and that

*“…And his mother stored all these thigs in her heart. As Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and all the people.” (Lk 2:51b-52)*

WE MUST LEARN TO LET GO SO THEY CAN GROW

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**POEM:** A Prayer for the Journey

O Lord, do not give me tasks equal to my powers,

But give me powers equal to my tasks.

For I want to be stretched by things too great for me.

I want to grow through the greatness of my tasks

But I shall need help for the growing. (E. Stanley Jones)