

**BBC Bible Study Notes**  
**“God’s Model for Motherhood”**  
**Mother’s Day**  
**May 14, 2017**

**How can I become the mother God wants me to be?**

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**4. Recognize when to \_\_\_\_\_ and when to \_\_\_\_\_.**

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## BBCC Devotional Guide for May 14-20, 2017

**Sunday:** *Read Isaiah 66:13 and Isaiah 49:13-16.* A mother's love for her child is a picture of the love God has for each one of us. How does a mother's love for her children reflect God's love for us? Regardless of the kind of relationship you have with your mother, honor your mother or the memory of your mother today. Thank God for your mother and thank God for his love for you.

**Monday:** *Read 2 Timothy 1:5.* Timothy was greatly influenced by the faith of his mother and grandmother. While God gives us the privilege and responsibility of teaching our children about him and being examples to them, we can only *influence* our children, not directly control the choices they make. As a parent, what are some ways you can influence your children toward following Christ and pursuing His purpose for their lives?

**Tuesday:** *Read Matthew 20:20-23.* James and John had a mother who made a bold request of Jesus on behalf of her sons. As parents, we need to make bold requests to God on behalf of our children. What are some things we need to request from God on behalf of our children?

**Wednesday:** *Read Exodus 2:1-10 and Hebrews 11:23.* Like Moses' parents, we all need to learn to trust God. If you are a parent, what are the things that you tend to worry about? Moses' mother gives us a helpful example of how to handle worries. She did what she could and released her worry to God. When it comes to your worries, what do you need to do something about right now? How can you release your worry to God?

**Thursday:** *Read Mark 4:35-40.* As parents we need to realize that we can't fix everything for our children. It takes great wisdom to know when to step in and when to step back. Jesus modeled this for us with his disciples. Sometimes during a storm he would step in and "fix" the circumstances. But later, as they matured and faced similar storms, Jesus waited on the shore and watched them struggle (John 6:47-48). What are some ways you can prepare your children to take responsibility for their lives? What are some things they need to learn to do for themselves as they move toward maturity?

**Friday:** *Read Genesis 18:1-14.* The story of Sarah reminds us that nothing is too difficult for God. How does this story encourage you as a parent? Can you think of some ways that you have seen God work in "impossible" situations?

**Saturday:** *Read Joshua 24:14-15.* Joshua makes a bold declaration in these verses: "As for me and my family, we will serve the LORD." So many things today compete for our time and attention and sometimes God ends up getting our "leftovers". How can you give God the priority He deserves in your life and in your family activities?

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