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MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH
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JESUS' CARE FOR HIS MOTHER

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God's purpose in saving us is to conform us to the image of His Son (Rom 8:29). Therefore, our purpose is to follow Christ's example in all that we do. Paul said we should think as Jesus thought (Phil 2:5). And Jesus Himself said that we should love as He loved (John 15:12). Peter even says we should follow Christ's example of suffering (1 Pet 2:21).

Probably the best way to emulate the example of Jesus is by reading the Gospels. Notice how He treats people. How does He relate to outcasts? How does He respond to His critics? What kind of friend was He? We can observe Christ's wisdom and try to follow His example.

Just before Jesus took His final breath on the cross, He provided an example of compassion and care for His mother. The apostle John tells us that the mother of Jesus stood at the foot of the cross (John 19:25). We can only imagine her deep grief as she watched her son being tortured. But what was on Jesus' mind as He looked down at her?

When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. John 19:26-27

Although the weight of the world's sins was upon Him, Jesus takes time to care for His earthly mother before He dies. What a tender moment! What compassion and concern! Jesus demonstrated obedience to the Fifth Commandment (Ex 20:12). And while He was obeying His Heavenly Father by dying on the cross (Phil 2:8), He did not neglect His earthly responsibility of providing for His mother.

On this Mother's Day we should thank the Lord for His gift of family relations. And as we consider those relationships, we can follow Christ's example. In what ways can you show Christ-like love to your family?

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

For the next three weeks, we will have a live service on Saturday evening at 6:00. This will be available to 15 people in the auditorium and livestreamed to 15 others in the gym. On Sunday, recordings of that service will be available to view at home or in the Meadowlands facility in groups of fifteen at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00, & 12:30. If all those time slots fill up, then we can add more. The auditorium and gym will be treated as two separate places with their own entrances/exits and washrooms. Registration is available here or on the link below to attend one of the services at Meadowlands. Please only come for your registered time.



WORSHIP SERVICES MAY 8-9:

- "GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH"
- "THE DOXOLOGY"
- PRAYER
- "MERCIFUL GOD"
- CHILDREN'S STORY
- "ABIDE WITH ME"
- MESSAGE: "RESTING IN THE GOSPEL"
PASTOR MARK RICHMOND
- "I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR"
- BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY/KIDS 4 TRUTH: 7 PM

Kids 4 Truth is cancelled until further notice. Look for an email update early next week in regards to plans for the Wednesday Bible Study.

GIVING

E-transfer is available. From your bank's website, select the e-transfer feature. The email address to transfer to is donations@meadowlandsbaptist.com. Your donation will be automatically accepted and you will receive a confirmation of the transfer.

COLLEGE & CAREER GROUP

The C & C group is planning a *Foundations* Bible Study every second Thursday at 7 pm in the auditorium and gym, if needed, beginning this Thursday, May 13. Booklets may be purchased for \$10. Contact Jeff McConnell for more information.



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