

“Mother's Day”
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What a service! I guess the fellowship leader knows what he's doing. It is wonderful to be in the house of the Lord this morning. I thought I would see a ton of—when I was little, my mom would take me to church on Mother's Day; you couldn't hardly see the front because of all them hats. All them hats! That was the day that any ha would do. Any one of them. And every hat would do; every one of them.

Anyway, giving honor to God, who is the head of my life. Giving honor to God who is the head of our lives, who is our Maker, our Savior, our Creator. The One who keeps giving; no matter what we give back, he keeps giving and out-gives, and we could never give as much as he gives. The One who just amazes us at every turn. We open our eyes a little bit more, and we get a little bit more amazed; the more we open, the more amazing we find Him. Giving honor to Him whom the angels call, “There is none like Him.” Giving honor to that God. Giving honor to those who have gone on before us: our founding pastor and his family. Giving honor to our pastor, he and his family, and he will be here next week; looking forward to that. Giving honor to those who have stood in the gap and made up the hedge to see that the work of God would go forth; giving honor to them. Giving honor to all of you, who are here, and present yourselves, today, before the Lord. And, giving honor today, of course, to all of our moms. Amen. Amen. Give yourselves another hand.

I would like to say greetings. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Parrish Lee. Myself and Brother Andy Giebler, we are co-fellowship leaders here in Christian Fellowship Ministries of Great Lakes. It has been a wonderful privilege to work with Brother Andy, and I hope he can say the same. I also want to say that I am from a city that's been in the news a lot lately. I would like to thank everyone who has expressed concern, and asked me how's my family doing. I am from Baltimore, and it's really been a tortious time; a lot of fear for the safety of my family, because they said it has been really, really, really, really crazy back there. I want to thank all who expressed a concern for that, because it really, for a while, it was heading pretty far down, and you just don't know. You ever been in a situation where something's going on, and you just don't know whether they're in the hospital or whether they're on the job. You just don't know if you're going to lose something. You just don't know how things are going to turn out. You put your faith and trust in God; you don't know the path that He's going to lead, but you want Him to provide. Thankfully, God has seen fit to keep every one of my family safe, safe from all danger and harm; thank You, Lord. And, the truth is, if you watched that, if you watched any of that stuff going on out there, that could have been me. You see where I come from, you see what a miracle that stands before you now. Because, the honest truth is, except for the grace of God, there go I; I would have been right there, I'm telling you. I had the same mindset and everything, but God saw fit, as my sister said, God saw fit to show mercy on someone such as myself, and I'm thankful to God to be here in the house—His house—this morning and know His reign.

We've already said that our theme Scripture for the month is:

Proverbs 31:30 *Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.*

“...She shall be praised.” We'd like to start our Scripture this morning; we're going to do a little bit of reading this morning:

John 2:1-11 *And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto Him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, **Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come.** His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, **Fill the waterpots with water.** And they filled them up to the brim. And He saith unto them, **Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast.** And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.*

If we could bow our heads for just a moment. Lord, at this time we do come before You. And, God, how can we ever thank You for all the good and perfect, and wonderful gifts that you bestow upon us? It's a day that we set aside to honor mothers, but the first honor always goes to You, who have given us mothers, and fathers and sisters and brothers. You have given us all things. Therefore, we first turn our attention to You to first thank You and praise You. And, then, Lord, we ask that, as You have said in Your Word, that Your Word would not return unto You void, but it would surely accomplish that to which You have sent it. And, so, right now, in the name of Your Son, Jesus, we rebuke every devourer, every obstacle, every stumblingblock, from any hindrance that would have it to be that it wouldn't shine forth greatly in our lives. Have Your way, we pray, in Jesus' name. And everyone said, amen.

Amen. So, the Book of John, chapter two, we do a little reading here. First miracle—mighty, mighty interesting that you went to “Our God,” “Water You turned into wine...” [Editor's note: One of the songs picked out (without advance knowledge of the sermon) was called, “Our God,” and the first line says, “Water You turned into wine...”]. That's how you know when God is just saying, “Okay, get in the same mind, and the same accord. I'm going to give you some signs to show that things are in agreement. Andy and I didn't talk about which songs, and he didn't know what part of the message, and, so, that's just a blessing. That's a blessing. But, in the Book of John chapter 2, we see, what is recorded as, what people say is, the first miracle. They say it's the first miracle. The Lord went down, and they were all invited to this feast, and He turned water into wine. And you hear people say, “Yeah, that's the first miracle, He turned the water into wine,” but that's not entirely accurate, because, you see, the very birth of the Lord was the first miracle, if you want to get right down to it. The Virgin Birth, and the angels coming out to sing about it, to signify what was going on; you'd have to say that that was the first miracle, maybe. And you would have to say that he did have some earlier miracles, too, after all, he did go into the Temple when He was twelve, and He had all this wisdom and knowledge, and, no, they didn't have schools like they do now. And He walked in there, and the teachers were amazed. Those that knew the Law, they were amazed at the knowledge and the wisdom and the understanding that came forth from Him, so you'd have to say that was pretty miraculous, too. Then you have the account where, before He went up to the feast as He sat here, now, He said, “My time is not yet come,” but it talked about His siblings said, “Hey, why don't you just go up and show yourself, so everybody will know?” so He must have done some miracles at home. Then if you like the cartoon, the little drummer boy, of course, when He was a little baby, He healed the lamb that got run over by the cart. Yeah, it's an old cartoon. They say that this was the first miracle, but, of course, the Lord had been doing miracles all along.

But, before we go and highlight that, we're talking about mothers today. If we're talking about mothers, then we need to bring up a couple of points: You see, it's very interesting that they said that there's no wine, and she saw that there's no wine, and what did she do? She went over and talked to the Lord, and said, “They have no wine,” and He said, “Woman, mine hour is not yet come. What do I have

to do with that?" But you see the power that a mother had, that she could entreat the Lord before the time was supposed to start. So, there is a power that resides in moms. And they said, "This is—this that You brought forth, this is the greatest thing around here. *This* wine for the feast, why did you wait so long to give it to us?" It wasn't about Him getting all the glory; it says the only ones that knew it were those that served it, and his mom. And Mary. And you know what she said? She went over to Him, and after He told her, she went to the servants and said, "Listen to my Boy. Listen, whatever he tells you to do, do it." So, the mother, here, is supporting the Son. Supporting the Child. Amen. And so, you would have to say that the desire, the desire that a mom has for her children can be an impossible, powerful, powerful thing.

Our next Scripture; the Bible says here:

Romans 11:29 *For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.*

The gifts, with an 's,' and calling of God are without repentance. In other words, if God gives it to you, you can't say, "God, I want to change this to something else." And we talk about the great gifts of God, because who knows how to give a better gift than God? We talk about them: the gift of prophecy, the gift of healing, and the gift of wisdom, the gift of works; we talk about them. We talk about His great gifts: the gift of compassion, the gift of comfort, the gift of Him just giving you what you need when you need it. Them gifts. And we talk about His callings: Prophets, and teachers, and elders, and pastors, and Apostles, and we talk about them, and they're all great and wonderful things that God gives. Gifts and calling. He gives us a calling. But I want to talk about another calling that the Lord gives; I'm going to talk about the calling, and, yes, and the gift, of motherhood. The calling and the gift of motherhood. It's easy to pass on by. It's easy to say, "Yeah, well, if the ratings are about right, half the people have to be men, so the other half have to be women, and, if the ratings are about right, you know, the women have children, and then, half of them are going to be boys, and, half of them are going to be girls, and, so, there's no reason to make a big deal about a calling for motherhood." I beg to differ. God didn't give it for no reason at all; in fact, God gave it specifically for a reason, the calling of motherhood. You know, the Bible says, "...the gifts and calling of God are without repentance." And then it says that He gives to every man a measure of faith (Romans 12:3). He gives to everybody a measure of faith. And, also, with that faith, He also gives a measure of discerning. He gives us a measure of discerning. So, if the Bible says that His Spirit would be poured out on all flesh, as it says, "In the latter days, My Spirit will be poured out on all flesh," (Joel 2:28) and He gives to every man a measure of faith, and he gives to us a measure of discernment, specifically, that that Spirit that He gives us is poured out, it's for us to be led and guided, according to the Bible, unto all truth (John 16:13). It's to be guided unto all truth, specifically, how to find and get to God. God gives us the way, the reason, the resources to get to Him, and those all called faith and discerning, discerning being able to see which way to go, and which way not to go. All we have to is ask, and God sharpens our eye.

So, as God gives us these gifts, and calling, and faith, and the discerning, to seek Him out, in that discerning, he also gives to moms, in their calling, He gives them a measure of discerning. And, you know, society, and civilizations, and, especially men, we try to put a name on that. Intuition... Sometimes we don't know what to call it. It's a mom thing, it's a woman thing, you know. It's going on and they're doing something, and I can't explain it, you know, it's just something that women have.

And, so, ultimately, there is a reason why God gives this to them. Because, as they have children—and, yes, this is going to tie in—as they have children, with that discerning, moms can see things over their children. Yes, they can. And, if they say, "Well, I don't know about..." all they have to do is ask God to tune it in. And you ask any mom, and they'll say, "Well, my child is like this. They've got this certain thing going on, and I can see, if they would apply themselves, what they could do; what they could be, I can see it!" And moms have that kind of discerning, and they also have the kind of discerning to say, "You know,

my child, he's kind of weak in this area," or, "She's kind of weak in that area," or, "This is the thing that they need protection from, so I'm going to try to provide some sort of way for them not to fall in these antithesis." And moms try their best; we know they do. This is not a perfect world. If it were a perfect world, then everything that moms do would be perfect, and their children would turn out perfect, and generation after generation, and we wouldn't have needed to have the blood of Jesus applied to our lives. This is not a perfect world, and, since it's not a perfect world, He has had to put that in moms. And this is not a new thing. This is not a new thing that God would put the ability to comfort and the potential to be able to see that in children. Moms display that. Fathers can, too, but this ain't Father's Day, this is Mother's Day. Yes, they can, and there's a whole dialect with that, but this ain't their day. Okay? This is Mom's Day, and there's a reason that it was given to them. To be able to see, "They need protection from that," and, "They need to stay away from that," and, "This is coming along, and I'm going to make sure they don't get involved." There's a reason for that, because they aren't the first ones to have that. The first one to have that as the Lord who made His own children. He sees the kind of things that His children would fall to. He sees the kind of things that His children, of great potential, and He sees when he puts His Spirit in them, and breathes the breath of life, "Oh, if they would just cry out to Me, you know what I've got for them. Oh, if they would turn to me, I could wash them and make them so clean. Oh, if they would just follow me, I would turn their lives around, change it, and make it completely different." Yeah, moms aren't the first ones to have this discerning, so, actually, God gave a portion of Himself to mothers, so give them the ability to discern out things. And, you know society gets a little jumpy about that. They say, "Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, you know what you call that? You call that tiger moms, or you call them mama bears, because we don't know another way to express it. So, we come up with this euphemism, and say, 'This is the only way I can explain it,'" when what we should say is, "Oh, God put that in them, and that's what that's all about." Okay, now let's move on. Now that we know God's got that under control, all we need to do is support them and do what we're supposed to do.

And, something else that God has given them. We've seen it over and over; we've seen it many times. And, as some of our sisters came up here and testified, you know, God has also given our moms a great big reservoir—most of them, not everybody, but most of them—a great big reservoir, a great big gulf inside of them, a great big vast container, and filled it with love, you know? Filled it with some kind of love, because, I know I ain't got that. I need to go to God every time I need some more love, but they seem to just draw it. You see sometimes when a mom gets her heart broken by her children, just broke! A child can turn around and say something, and it's so out of place, just off-the-cuff, because they feel like saying it, and you can see it's like they took a hit—Boom!—and then recover, and they still have something in the tank. Instead of cutting them off, shipping them someplace where they'll never see them again, they're able to recover. Yeah. God put that in them, because God has that for His own children. And, you know, if God has put that in there, it is to remain. And, yes, we know that this is not a perfect world, this isn't a perfect world, but God put that in there, and I can attest, I am a personal—I would say a witness, but I'm actually more than a witness, I'm a participant—I am a person that wishes he could take back some of the things that he said to his own mom, at those times, and how finally, later on, understand. Later on, I understand. Wow, God really gave me the right one; He really did something for me.

I want to speak on a little bit of an unpopular subject this morning. I want to speak on a little bit of an unpopular subject this morning. I am from a place called Baltimore. As I said, they have been in the news a whole lot lately, with the riots and all of that. They say that in Baltimore, the—yeah, I'm telling on my city, here—they say that the teen pregnancy is somewhere around 50%. You'd have to be there to believe it. 50%. And they said 16%—that's one out of six—16% of teens have both a mother and a father in the house. One-sixth. It shows the plight of the city. It shows the plight of the city. That means that there's going to be several—there's going to be several moms that are going to be single moms; they're going to be raising their kids alone. I tell you what, that is part of the attack of the devil. That's part of the devil's attack. Yes, that they would be feeling so alone, and feeling so helpless, and feeling like, "I

can't reach the bottom, but, whatever it takes, two, three jobs, because it doesn't matter, I've got to take care of my own kids." I see that; I see that. But, I'm going to talk a little bit about this attack of the devil. So, we know that that bond that God put there, between a mother and child, that bond that, put there, started in triple darkness, they say, in the womb where no eye can see—it starts, and they send a camera up there, but they don't know how it exactly started. They don't know that true spark. That's where God started it. And so, the birth comes out, and the whole time of the pregnancy, and then the birth, the whole time there's a connection made, and that connection has a lot to do with love. Just like us, when we were all created and came forth from God. That connection has a lot to do with what they call maternal love. Mom is kind of hard to understand, if you're not a woman. I mean, born a woman. So—I'm going to leave that alone for the time. So, when that connection is made, that maternal thing is made, it's just a semblance of what God has done for His own people, but there's a type of love, there. And, in that attack from the devil, you see, if that maternal kind of love, and the Bible says that God is love (1 John 4:8), and we know that the devil is in opposition to everything that God is, if God is love, and there's a love between a mother and a child, then the devil is in opposition to that love. He's there to break it up; yes, he's there to break up the love between a husband and a wife, yes, he's there to break up the love in a family, yes, he's there to break up the love between a father and his children, also, but, this morning we're talking about—this morning, yes, we're talking about him trying to break up maternal love. He's trying to break it up. Is there a way around that? Is there a remedy for that? Is there some way that we can gain access through an attack of the devil? Thanks be to God; yes there is. Yes, there is. "Well, what would be the answer?" The answer is the Lord Jesus Christ, who knows no failure. How can there be an answer when you're feeling so low, and so hurt, and so tossed around, and, sometimes, so just plain jacked up? The answer, the answer, He said, is to come unto Him, all of us who labor and are heavy-laden, and He will give us rest (Matthew 11:28). That's a promise. That's a promise. He will give us the rest that we need for our souls. To take His yoke upon us, and to learn of him, for His yoke is easy, and His burden is light, and we shall find rest to our souls (Matthew 11:29-30). Yes, that is the remedy. The remedy is the Lord Jesus Christ. "What about the ones who suffer after the child is born, and they have depression, and they have mental illness, and the have post-partum, and it sends them to terrible places? What is the answer there?" The answer there is the Lord Jesus Christ. Because he said that if we would come to Him, all we that labor and are heavy laden, He will give you rest. Yes, the same Scripture, the same answer, and, as anybody can tell you who's ever tried it, it works! He's good at it. Cast all your care upon Him, every one of them, because He careth for us (1 Peter 5:7).

So, I want to talk about a motherly attitude; two more things I want to talk about here: As I said, I'm from Baltimore, and, there's some stuff going on there, and they've got this video—and I had to bring this up—they've got this video of this bonding moment. Her name is Toya Graham, and she didn't care. They had a conversation, she knew that things were tense, they'd already said what they were going to do, she knew what was going on, she told her son, "My child, look, don't you go down there and get in trouble." He said, "I promise, mom, I promise." She said, "If you do, I'm coming to get you." He said, "Don't worry about it, mom, don't worry, I ain't going to get in no trouble." So, as the case was, she heard that they let school out early, and she said, "I'm going to go down there, just in case my son is there." And she went down there in the middle of a riot! In the middle of a riot of crazy people! She wasn't looking for nobody but her own child. She wasn't looking for nobody else, and when she found him, she wanted to demonstrate her love. If you were to hear the soundtrack with the whole picture, there's a lot of bleeping out, but she said, "I told you if you came down here, I was going to come down to get you! Ain't no riot, no snow, no wind, rain; nothing is stopping me from getting to you." In this picture, she's kind of jacking him up. I'm telling the truth. I'm from Baltimore; I've been jacked up, too, okay? The other people are looking around; they're afraid that their on moms are going to come down there and start jacking things up. When they went to tell her, "Hey, look, you've got child abuse, is that necessary?" She said, "Look, this is a riot, and the police aren't going to do this much. She said, "My son ain't perfect, but he's

mine! And my responsibility means he comes to *my* home!” Lo and behold, they didn’t have anything else to say. Am I a big advocate of corporal punishment? no comment; I’ll say it like that. But, I wanted to express that sometimes, sometimes you see moms doing thing that you say, “Well, I wouldn’t have done that.” Well, you aren’t that child’s mother. Or father. If anything, pray for them. God give them understanding, God give them healing, God give them strength, God give them a way. You know? And, unless you’re going to pay their rent, and be there twenty-four seven, what you going to say? Anyway, I made that point. So, that is Baltimore, and that, sometimes, got people to talking, and, sometimes—I don’t know if any of y’all can identify, because I don’t know of anybody else here from Baltimore, but, sometimes, a little jacking up can go a long way. I’m just saying.



Toya Graham is captured in a video slapping her 16-year-old son April 27 for throwing rocks at police in the Freddie Gray protests in Baltimore.

Our next Scripture; we’re going to be talking about another mother.

Matthew 20:20-23 Then came to Him the mother of Zebedee’s children with her sons, worshipping Him, and desiring a certain thing of Him. . And He said unto her, *What wilt thou?* She saith unto him, *Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on Thy right hand, and the other on the left, in Thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?* They say unto Him, *We are able.* And He saith

unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on My right hand, and on My left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of My Father.

So, we see here that there is another mother, and we look at the Scripture and the wife of Zebedee, her name was Salome. If we were to read on, in each one of the Gospels, she is there at the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord. She was one of the women that went down there to take care of the body. Salome. She went to the Lord. That had to be a conversation. That had to be a conversation. But, the Lord said, *“What wilt thou?”* and she said, *“Grant that these my sons may sit, one on the right hand, and the other on the left, in Thy kingdom.”*

Can you imagine the precursor to this? Because those were her sons. She had to say, *“Hey, let me tell you what I want you to do. That’s the Lord over there. You know Him, you work with Him; ask for the best seats in the House. Look, I want you to ask to sit right next to Him.”*- And you know what James and John must have said—the sons of thunder (Mark 3:17)—they must have said, *“Umm, mom, this ain’t how that works. You know, we are disciples. We don’t just come up and ask for stuff, you know?”* So, you know what her answer must have been: *“What? My kids ain’t gonna... I’ll do it. I’ll do it.”* You know what that conversation could have been like. And, in the humblest of hearts, and I know that Salome must have been a wonderful person. She must have been; James and John were able to follow what somebody taught them. Both discipline, and love, and obeisance. Somebody must have taught them that; Zebedee and Salome. Somebody had to teach them, if both brothers are out there following the Lord. So, you know that in her, was that make up, and, so, you know, as she humbly went to the Lord, she said, *“Grant that these two, my sons, should...”* She wasn’t asking for herself; she wasn’t asking for her husband. She was asking for her children. *“Grant that these two, my sons, my kids... All the disciples, they’re good people, they’re wonderful, Lord. They are. But my kids need to sit with you. I want them to have—I want everybody else to have a wonderful time, I want it to be great for them, but I want the best for my children. And I want them, one on the right, and one on the left.”* And the Lord said, *“You don’t even know what you’re asking.”* And, yet, she asked. *“You don’t even know... Are you able to drink of My cup and be baptized by My baptism?”* And, now, she doesn’t have to answer for them. Now they’ve got a little gruff in their craw. Now they’ve got a little better confidence. Now they see, *“Oh, ma don’t have to do everything for me.”* Now they say, *“We are able; we are able.”* And He says, *“Ye shall indeed drink of My cup, and be baptized with My baptism...”* because of mom. Because of mom saying, *“Hey, my kids, they can have the best. My kids, they don’t need to sit in the back. My kids can be taught, and they can demonstrate. I have taught them to do so.”* Salome. Salome. Another woman of God looking out for her kids.

We want to address another thing before we leave. His being such an imperfect world, as we said before, not everyone has that ideal relationship that you would think we could all have with their moms. Not everyone has the silk-stocking street where they live on, and, you know, the great big old house, and the wonderful fence, and the two pets, and the windows that are just right, and the house that never needs cleaning, you know, not everybody has that. And, not everybody has the mom that never has to work, because there’s plenty of money coming around, and she has the perfect discerning, because whenever you have a problem, she’s all ears. Not everybody has that. We know, we know, because this is such an imperfect world. In fact, we know that, on some levels, that attack is so, so severe, that attack of Satan, that it has estranged moms and children. We know that. We know that his attack is so severe that it’s even mentioned in the Book of Revelation, where it talks about that there was a woman, and how she brought forth a man-child, but the dragon was waiting to consume them. And, yes, we know that that’s actually talking about the church, to bring forth a Messiah. We know that. But it uses the instance, it uses the example of a woman and her child to let everybody know that Satan is on the attack on this. Yeah, it’s talking about the church, and it’s talking about the Messiah, how that anybody how tries to

become like Christ, you're going to be persecuted. But, it uses the example of a mother and her child to let everyone know that the dragon is after that. It's going to persecute, it's going to try and swallow you up, the Bible says, and the Bible says it threw up a flood after them to swallow them up. A flood of everything from disobedience and perversion to ignorance and just plain craziness; drugs and malarkey-ness, inattentiveness, and just straight-out rebellion. Just pick a flavor. And it's just going out after that whole relationship. But, the Bible says that God had prepared a place for their safety. God has prepared a place for safety for all moms and children. You've just got to talk to Him, and ask Him for it; He will provide. That is truth. That is valid.

You know, some of the estranged relationships have been really hard. I'm just going to say a quick glance on that, because, the truth is, it hurts both sides, and sometimes—I talk to this person, and he told me he hadn't talked to his parents in over twenty years, and I wondered how that could be, you know? I don't know, it wasn't my family, so I couldn't speak to that, except to say, "Would you like me to pray for that? Because I am persuaded that there is an answer. I am persuaded that the division between the two of you is so severe it did not just come from the two of you, it came from someplace else." And he asked, and, believe it or not, the relationship didn't become completely restored, but there was communication made, all of the sudden, there is hope, there is a bridge, there is hope in a situation that was hopeless. So, for families in situations and relationships that—even tough ones, even really, really hard ones—I want to say, God specializes in the tough ones. If He could make a bridge in the middle of the sea, bring a million people through it, all day and all night, provide them protection, that the enemy couldn't get to them, and, then, after they were delivered, swallow up that entire enemy in that same deliverance, then surely God can look upon the plight of our affliction and speak to it and go upon the soul.

But, I've also seen mothers, and I want to give them all the credit, who, even when their bodies have betrayed them, and the body wouldn't let them become a mother, you would see their heart would. You would see them open adopt, and you would see them, "Well, I need to teach, I need to be around, I need to have some nurturing that I could give. And you would see them be successful. Why? because God had already put it inside them, no matter what the obstacle was, there.

So, on this great and wonderful day, I just want to say, if you're here, and your mom has gone on, has passed on, I want to say, may the Lord send unto you His own Comforter, His Comforter to bless you and keep you on days such as this, because it's not just Mother's Day, for any of us who were there, it's not just Mother's Day. Sometimes it's several days, and sometimes, it's several times a day. But, I say again, the Great Comforter is specializing in being able to comfort.

If your mom is alive, speak a blessing to her; if there's any estranged here, speak a blessing for her, for her. I don't need to know what the problem is. But the Bible tells us that we need to bless and pray for our enemies, and surely, surely, we can have a blessing for that which we came from.

And for all of our mothers that are here today, may God continue to pour out His Spirit of Himself to strengthen you, to anoint you wherever you may be.

Amen. Let's give the Lord a praise.