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“A MOTHER’S FAITH AND A GODLY WOMAN’S IMPACT”

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ACTS 16:1-5 NASB

Mother’s Day Trivia:

1. Anna Jarvis, the first woman to suggest a national annual day honoring all mothers.
2. The first Mother’s Day observance was May 10, 1908, which was 113 years ago.
3. Congress and President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother’s Day on May 9, 1914, which was 107 years ago TODAY!

I. THE REALITY OF DIVIDED HOMES

*The background of Timothy’s life:

- a. He came from an ethnically divided home.
- b. He came from a spiritually divided home (Acts 16:1).

QUESTION: Mothers, ladies, everyone...if you are married and your spouse is not yet a believer in Christ, what do you do? 1 Corinthians 7:12-14

TRUTH: The believing spouse is to live with hope of a united home in the future, and as long as the unbelieving spouse wants to maintain the marriage, it should be honored.

REALITY: This was a hard life of emotional pain for Eunice and any believing spouse.

TRUTH: Timothy became a believer for one reason: His mother and grandmother never ceased to seek after his soul and that of his dad.

REALITY: The people we pray to be saved may do so overnight, or it may take years.

II. BE GOD’S MISSIONARY FOR YOUR FAMILY (Acts 16:1).

INSIGHT: There are two attributes of God to hold to in times of extended prayer for salvation of a lost loved one or friend:

1. God is sovereign.
2. God is good.

TRUTH: God is in control, and God has a plan.

Biblical passages that hold this truth:

1. Hebrews 1:3

2. Daniel 4:35
3. Psalm 135:6

TRUTH: God is in control of everything that happens and doesn't happen.

REALITY: When life doesn't make sense, this one truth we go to and grasp: God is good always in all He does or doesn't do.

Biblical passages that hold this truth:

1. Luke 18:19
2. Psalm 100:5
3. Psalm 34:8

III. THE EMPHASIS OF YOUR CHILD REARING: DISCIPLESHIP (2 Timothy 3:14-15).

QUESTION: Are your children familiar with the sacred writings...the Bible? Timothy was!

TRUTH: Bible training begins by reading a small portion every night... Make it a priority.

A great book depending on their age: *The Jesus Storybook: Every Story Whispers His Name*, by Sally Lloyd-Jones.

INVITATION: 2 Timothy 1:5

CHALLENGE: Whether you're married, single, widowed, young, or up in years, God has a woman coming behind you He wants you to lead into the Word and help them follow Christ... who will then help other women do the same.

Will you this Mother's Day STAND to say: "I want to be like Lois and Eunice and pass my faith to the next generation."