



Serving Leaders in Life

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“Behold children are gifts from the Lord” (Psalm 127:3).

I. INTRODUCTION

American poet William Wallace said, “The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world!” Many of us have had mothers who have had a profound effect on us. There is tangible proof that moms strengthen legacies!

Billy Graham is quoted as saying, “Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children.” Here are some other great quotes:

“All I am I owe to my mother, I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her.”

—George Washington

“All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.”

—Abraham Lincoln

“I cannot tell you how much I owe to the solemn word of my good mother.”

—Charles Spurgeon

“For 25 years, she put her life on hold for me and my siblings. She invested in our lives—we were her number one priority, and nothing else really mattered.”

—Tim Tebow

A. Only loving relationships provide lasting legacy and hope.

Today, we are celebrating moms and want to encourage them in their building of priceless legacies—being that character-forming mother! This is also a great reminder to all of us, regardless of age, of the importance of pursuing God’s plan for relationships.





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II. BUILDING A LEGACY

What hope do we have that our children will stand by their faith and live by their values? What or who do you trust to impact their lives? Who had a profound effect on Jesus? (Proverbs 22:6).

A. What legacy are we leaving?

We certainly can't hope for perfect children because our children are just like us—imperfect people. Where do our children go for guidance? Do they go to God's Word? Do they seek guidance from attentive parents?

Parents must continuously pursue relationship with their children. This builds trust in their children, giving them the opportunity to speak into their lives as they begin to make their own choices.

Let's join with every mom here today in hoping that:

- Our children are more influenced and shaped by their parents and their faith than by the world.
- Our teens and young adults remain open to our input and continue to be open about the details of their physical, emotional, and spiritual life.
- Our adult children want to be around us, and we regularly enjoy being around them!

Some of us may also champion the simple, but profound, hope that our current family could be a little more emotionally and physically healthy or a little more functional than our own childhood family.

Today we celebrate moms who pay the price for making a difference in us!



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L1. Practicing thanksgiving in all things

Engaging Fellowship

"Rejoice with those who rejoice" (Romans 12:15a).

Let's celebrate together: Reflect for a moment on an important woman in your life—maybe she's your mom, grandmother, or sister. Husbands, maybe she's your wife. Now let's take turns sharing and celebrating together:

"I'm very grateful for _____, who is very special to me because _____."

