

# Mother's Day

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[ 0 : 00 ] I'm not going to be all that long today. You know, after 17 years, talking about mothers, no smarter than I am, you start running out of different things that you can find.

But I'm so glad I had a mama, because if I didn't, I wouldn't be here today. And I'm so glad that my mama told me about Jesus, because if she hadn't, I wouldn't be here today.

I'm glad that I had a mama who knew how to play. I'm going to read you the words of a song here. It says, how sweet and happy seemed those days of which I did.

When memory recalls them now and then, and with what rapture to speak, I will heart and repeat. If I could hear my mama pray.

Oh, if I could hear my mama pray. If I could hear her tender voice. Amen. I'll have to read it to me.

[ 1 : 39 ] Amen. You know life, there's only guaranteed to give you one thing. One thing that you can take with you when you get old.

That you take your memory. Amen. Precious memories. Unseen angels. Send them somewhere to my soul.

How they linger every new. And how they shape this. I can't think about my mama. Because if I did, I would be a dream.

Right. Because I, I had the best moment in the world. I know you all had the best moments. You're children too. But I also had the best moments. And every child should do.

Your mama would be happy. I'm happy. Yeah. I want to read you one little form here. All the mothers that I have seen. Ever can be called.

[ 2 : 42 ] You are the best. You're the best. Mama. Mama. We were country. Don't care. They call my mama. Mother. Mother. Mama.

Mama. Mama. I heard that call. A while ago. Mama. Queen. Man. I was but a youth.

And thought. As all youth. Perhaps it is. So I had a Christian mother. Who taught me very much. But there came a time.

And the pleasures of the world. Came to the moon. And I no longer thought. The died of me. But Mama. Was the kind of pure. But Mama. Mama would not yield her voice.

And Satan. And persuade. Though I spurred her counsel. She knew of any way. No more she tried to caution. Of the ways she became pain. Though I guessed her heartache.

[ 3 : 39 ] I could never know. Then she made my room an altar. A place of sick and prayer. And there she took her room.

And left this. Me. In the cave.■■■■. bedside rose and I went my way unheeding careless of the life I led until one day I noticed Prince of Elmore in my bed then I saw that she had been there praying for her wayward boy who for love and worldly pleasures was a little bit while I wrestled with my conscience my mother wrestled till it's there till that little room seemed hallowed because so often she met me with her God she held the fortress and oh not a word she said my stubborn heart was broken

I don't know my love and God love are a combination rare long the conflict raised within me sin against my mother's prayer sin must yield for mama never while she dated met Jesus there and her constant love and guidance were like coals of fire upon my head kept together with the footprints of her elbows on my bed mama love and God love are a combination rare and one that can't be broken with seals by earnest prayer so at last the mighty one and through Christ I was led by mama's prayers to answer by her elbow on my bed love and God this is Mother's Day May 11th 2003

I'm a very sentimental person having broken and a contract spirit comes out of a broken and a contract heart the Bible says that God is near to people that have that kind of spirit that he would

never decide that you got your Bible I'd like to be told with me this morning or afternoon as you just now the first Timothy the fifth chapter what I'm going to preach today won't be very popular I found out in the through reading and studying the Bible that any time that the word of God was brought the people who heard it usually wanted to take up stone and cast the one who brought the bad news into the closest ditch they could find after they stoned but in 1st Corinthians 1st Timothy rather the fifth chapter

I want to read the first 14 verses here real quick it's a rebuke not an elder but entreat him as a father and the younger men as brethren you'll be surprised how much the Bible has got to say about women and mothers in the Bible it says the elder women treat them as mothers and the younger women treat them as sisters with all purity honor widows that are widows indeed but if any widow have children or nephews let them learn first to show piety at home and to re-quiet their parents and what all that means is that their parents have gone and rich in the Bible days it was the children's responsibility that's why they wanted to have a large family because the more children you have the better you would be taken care of if your husband passed amen because children just stayed home it says now she that is a widow indeed and desolate trusted in God and continueth in supplications and prayer night and day now that's going to do away with what most folks consider widows to be because this is what you have to do to be a widow indeed truly a widow because being a widow does not mean that your husband is deceived that's not the Bible term of it even though that is one description that is one of many listen to what it says here now she that is a widow indeed now is that underlined in your Bible it is in my case and desolate now what does desolate mean with no means of support trusted in God that means to be a widow indeed you have to trust in God and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day does that not separate most women of this world from being widows indeed but she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth and these things were given these things given charge that they may be blameless but if any man provide not for his own and especially for those of his own house he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel let not a widow be taken into the number under sixty years old and having been the wife of one man more qualifications to be a widow you gotta be over sixty be a wife of one man getting tight isn't it to be a widow indeed amen listen well reported all for the good works if is that if underlined in your bible if she was she has lodged strangers if she has washed the saints feet if she has relieved the afflicted if she has diligently followed every good work my goodness but the younger widows refused for when they have begun to act wanton against

[ 10 : 46 ] Christ they were married having damnation because they have passed off their first faith and with people they learned to be idle wondering about from house to house and not only idle but tattlers also and busy bodies speaking things which they ought not to know to hear that younger women marry bear children guide the house give them occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully for some are already turned aside as a saint that's right here to the Lord in prayer Lord Jesus we praise you Lord God for this beautiful wonderful glorious day the sun shining the birds singing Lord God we're all healthy and we're in church today Lord

Jesus in your house come to visit our Lord and our Savior on this holy day and I pray Lord that you wouldn't let me say anything that you wouldn't say if you were here and I pray Lord God that you would open our ears and our minds to understand Lord what your word is saying and Lord your word is already blessed but bless us God that we might be able to take this seed of your word and Lord that we might be able to grow up and bear fruit in Jesus precious name and everybody said amen the word of God is laid out in the form of a cross it is from Genesis to Revelation it's in the form of a cross and you find it over and over and over again in the 14th verse here is the the that God has laid out for women and it starts out that they should marry and after you get married bear children and after you get bear children guide the house and after you guide the house it gives no occasion to the adversary or to protect what God has given you you put all these on the cross to marry to bear children now don't get it screwed up don't start bearing children before you get married marry bear children guide the house and protect four points of the cross

I want to talk about today since the emancipation of proclamation when President Lincoln signed and he freed the slaves specifically the Negroes amen long time after that women didn't have the right to vote they didn't have any say anywhere they were treated even during biblical days as property they were owned and one day the Lord may let me go down that path but I don't want to go there today but since the emancipation of women the freeing of women you look you'll find them in every field of occupation you've got some women that are out digging the itch you've got them in

the tasters driving trucks you've got them as mayors of some towns you've got them as CEOs of companies you've got them as representatives of the state as senators and even some of them have ran for president so you find women in every passionate that we have and women are no longer confined to the home and they call this liberation liberation when you get up every morning and you put on your boots you pull on your pants and you get your bucket tail and go out to work because we want to be liberated how many believe that that was

God's original intention for the woman so because of their liberty and because of their emancipation many women today are confused because they can't really find their place in life they can't find their place in the home they can't even find their place in the church and there's a lot of confusion because they're out of God's direct will and God's plan for women and what is it that causes most of our trouble we start desiring things that we don't really need in a little town that I came from that only had about 800 people we had some families there that had as many as 15 children don't say nothing because I'm going to preach on that in a minute but did you ever stop to think all 15 of them grew up married had children replenished remember that word replenished you know

Genesis 128 be truthful to replenish the earth amen fulfilling God's plan but we get dissatisfied maybe we have struggled to make payments on the car and we get the car paid for and all of a sudden somebody else goes and buys a newer model car suddenly our car that works fine good air conditioning power windows power locks tilts but it's out of style it's passe it's too you know well look at our old junk around there now honey I think we need a nicer car well honey this is paid for and we don't have to you know all our bills all our money is already spent well I want a new car well you're just going to have to go to work then tell you something once you start there is no time you're going to spend every penny you make regardless of the amount of money you make and you're going to live on what you make regardless of how small amount that you have in amen and did you know where I always liked to play when I was a kid

[ 17 : 17 ] I didn't want to go to one of them homes that only had two or three children I want to go to somebody that had 16 kids because they really had a wonderful time to play amen well the Wayne family had 16 they didn't have a television but they had entertainment so we cause women left her role as the wife and as the mother and as the protector and guardian of the home there's four different aspects that I want to talk about real quick here the first thing is that it's God's will for younger women to marry!

Now Paul said I would that you were all together even as I which meant single but his heart's desire was to serve God and to please the Lord amen that was God's will and that is still God's will for young men and women if you can serve God without burning in your lust for a mate and you know the Bible teaches that a man who is married seeks to please his wife but a man who is unmarried seeks to please God and a young lady who's married seeks to please her husband but a young lady that's not married and loves God seeks to please God and I'm not trying to tell you don't get married I'm trying to tell you that it is God's will for the for the for the for the continuing of the race for young women to get married first and that's what I want to talk about.

Marriage is what makes a home. Now a man can go out and get him a house and get him an apartment and he can get everything in it that he wants to have but honey if that woman's not in that house you don't have a home.

Let me tell you this I'm old fashioned I like my wife to be there when I come home in the afternoon and it wasn't even a herd if she met me at the door opened the door for me and said honey I missed you today.

Now I'm talking about the ideal situation I'm talking about real love I'm not talking about this junk we call love nowadays because we have already lost what real love is all about. Amen.

[ 19 : 42 ] Most people get married because they fall in lust. Their lust is not love at all it has no form of it and all they're interested in is sex and then they have sex and then she gets pregnant and then they have to get married you know.

They don't have to. But if you want to. You don't want your child to be called a bastard it's a good thing to give it to daddy and then they take his daddy's name.

And if you want to know where that word came from it came out of the Bible. I'm not trying to be nasty or me. Amen. I'm just telling you what God's perfect will is for mankind. Now a house without a woman is not a home.

But in that home men listen to that's her domain. Domain. Domain. She is the ruler of the roost. And her responsibility is first not to the children. Her first responsibility is to God.

[ 20 : 51 ] And second her responsibility is to her husband. And third her responsibility is to her children. But how many women have chosen their children over their husbands? And it's not right.

It's not right. You done screwed up God's plan. And so therefore everything is going to go wrong in your life because until you get back in the way God planned it only then are you going to be happy. And be satisfied.

And be content. Amen. Then after you get married the next thing they want you to do is bear children. Bear children. Bear children is woman's privilege to assist God the creator in bringing a life into this world.

The man he just gets to sow his seed. But that lady gets to carry that seed for nine months. And then to assist the father in delivery.

And to take care of that child for the remainder of his age. Now I got two babies. One is 37.

[ 22 : 00 ] Huh? Next week. 37. 36. And one is 28 in the womb. Now they're always going to be my babies.

As long as I'm alive. If they hurt, daddy's going to hurt. And mama's going to hurt. If they need, daddy's going to do without.

And mama's going to do without because we are going to do our best. And if they have children, which makes us grand. Then we're going to take care of those children.

And it's a grandparent's responsibility to spoil your children. Your grandchildren. Don't spoil your children. Your children will make them do right.

You spoil them when they come to grandma. We got a sign in our front yard that says grandchildren's fall here. Amen. You see, I don't remember a whole lot about some of my grandparents.

[ 23 : 06 ] And my grandmother on my mama's side. There's a big family. And you can get lost in 15 or 25 or 30 grandkids. And some of them live right there.

One daughter lived on one side and had five kids. And her brother lived on the other side of my mama. And they had four or five kids. And, you know, me and mama, we lived down in Calhoun. So we only had three. And because their brothers are all the time. So, you know, and that ain't counting on the higher than all his kids. And, you know, he had about six or seven or eight kids. And so you can get lost. But we got sick that we got our hands full.

But we wouldn't take nothing. Not one thing in this world for not one of them. Amen. Brother D, how many you got now? Thank you, Jesus.

Amen. But I wouldn't care to have nine or 19. Amen. Amen. Amen. I told you I'm going to take a very long time.

[ 24 : 13 ] Turn me to the book of Psalms. 27. And I want to read you something here that is very enlightening. Psalms 27. Psalms 1, 27.

I want to read verse 2. Psalms 1, 27. 100, 27. And then I want to read verse 1.

And I want to read 3 through 5. No, I want to read verse 2. I'll talk to you. Except the Lord build a house.

They labor in vain that build it. Except the Lord keep the city. The watchman waketh, but in vain. It is vain for you.

To rise up early and to sit up late. Says the Psalms of David. To eat the bread of sorrow.

[ 25 : 20 ] For so he giveth his beloved sleep. Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord. And the fruit of the womb is his reward.

As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are children of the youth. And happy is the man that has his quiver full.

A quiver is the thing that you put arrows in. And if you've got your quiver full of children, they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with the enemies.

Remember that. In the gate. Remember the gate. Remember where he's going to speak with the enemies at. He's going to speak with the enemies in the gate, because I'm going there in a minute. Hey, man.

Speak with the enemies. Except the Lord build a house. They did build a labor in vain. Happy is the man who's, and woman also, whose quiver is full of children.

[ 26 : 21 ] People talk about, if you have over two or three children, people begin to talk about you. They make you feel like you're second plan. I know this one young girl and her and her husband, they've got about six children now.

And everybody talks about them. You know what? It ain't nobody's business. Unless they have come up there and asked you to help support their children or give them food or buy them clothes, it ain't none of your business how many children people have.

Matter of fact, we get to plan God when we decide how many children we're going to have. Well, I only want to have two, because I can, you know, really take care of two.

So you're going to be God, and you're going to kill the rest of them. Hey, I don't want to get off on abortion. But you know, oh, I do too. Sometimes you abort your children, and you don't know, you might be aborting the next president of the United States.

You might be aborting the next one who's going to discover the cure for AIDS. You might be aborting the child that is going to do, you know, do something great in this world. Amen?

[ 27 : 29 ] And how do we abort them? Well, we call it birth control. This isn't something new I preached. I preached this 25 years ago, and a little more in time.

How many children is a person supposed to have? All that God gives you is a proper and correct and only true answer. Well, I'm going to decide.

I only want to have two or three. That way, you know, I can give them everything I didn't have.

Yeah, you do. And you've got the most rotten, stupid, stinking children that anybody ever had, and nobody wants to be around them, because you have fought them right.

I found out that people with a large family, they don't have any spoiled children. But you get somebody with only one child, and that's a stinking man, a brat, that you've ever been around at all.

How many of those are talking truth? Amen. Thank you. I'm going to try. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

There's advantages to having children once you get old.

[ 28 : 35 ] I was playing golf field today by myself, and I called up to this group in front of us, and that guy said, Old Brother Van, how you doing?

I said, I'm fine. Mike. Mike Finley. He had on his shirt, Friendly Finley. Finley, that's the last year. I said, how come you aren't working today? He said, it is awful, isn't it? He said, every time you come up here, through the week, you find that you can catch me up here on the golf course. He said, no.

I said, I just about retired, I said, I turned it over to my boys. And then, two of the other elderly gentlemen there, and one of them said, well, that's what you did to your son. Turn your business over to them.

Yeah, yeah, that's what we did. Amen. Turn it over to them. Amen. Hey, wouldn't it be nice if you had a bunch of kids, and you get some little business going, and then you just kind of relax, sit back, you might go figure a job somewhere, and then, all right, boys, we got a job, y'all go over.

[ 29 : 38 ] And then he says, the boys are asking me, but dad, what are we paying you for? And he said, you're paying me because I'm your daddy. I started to sit. Amen. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. So there's advantages to having children. Man, if your ox gets in the ditch, you got somebody to go help you get it out. Amen. If the enemy comes in the dark part of the night, you got some boys that, you know, up in their years, a little bit, 15, you know, hey, when you go out to meet the devil, they walk out there right behind you.

We're going to pack you up, dad. And if daddy had to be a little skinny guy, they could, they'd say, daddy, you sit behind us. And we'll fight for you. Amen. Amen.

There's a lot of, there's some disadvantages too. Ladies, there's more clothes to the hush. More food to cook. More skinned knees, bruised eagles to, to take care of.

I wish I had that song of Jimmy Dine. Mom, here's how much I owe. I stand up late at night when I was out. You didn't know where I was.

[ 30 : 46 ] I'm afraid. I owe you. When there was only one piece of pie left, and all of a sudden you decided that you wasn't hungry, let me have the pie.

I owe you. For all the times that you put a little salve on my knee, when I was, I was telling them, stuff my toes, tear all the skin off the head of your toe, and mama come out there, put a little, material for a moment, pray for me, and I owe you.

I owe you a good meal. Honey, there's no way that you can ever repay your mother. You say, well, good thing like heaven, my mama, hasn't been much of a mama to me.

She gave you life. She didn't kill you. And God led you to another mama that's been better to you than ten mamas would have been if you had been the natural son. They're to marry.

They're to bear children. They're to guide the house. When you begin to study about how a woman guides the house, the men, the women are to rule the house, not you, not your job.

[ 32 : 15 ] You're not the ruler of the roots. The woman is to rule the house. The woman is the head of the house and the head of the children, and you're the head of the woman. But you're to love that woman with undyed love.

You are to carry her around that she is the most precious jewel that God has allowed you to have.

That she is a, you know, I'll get on this in a minute.

I don't want to get ahead of it. The word rule means to be the master, and to be the overseer, and to be the steward.

The steward. It was the steward of his house that Abraham sent down back to the homeland to get a wife for his son Isaac.

The steward that was in charge of money. In charge of paying the bill. In charge of saying that they're over the rest of the household, helping the household.

[ 33 : 12 ] The steward, are you right? Let me just tell you a little bit about the steward. They're in charge of the children. They're in charge of management of everything in the house. Now this don't take the headship away from the husband, but it helps her husband to meet his obligations as the head of the wife.

Now confusion comes when the wives want to wear the pants and begin to tell the husband what to do.

And ladies, it wasn't so from the beginning. It shouldn't be so today. You want your man to be a man and to love you? Then treat him like a man and love him.

A man, we're as dumb as any little dog that ever walked down the street. We have brute strength. We can work with our hands.

We can dig a ditch. We can plant flyers. But you've got to know how to ask him. You don't demand us or command us. You don't say, get over and sit.

[ 34 : 21 ] I've seen some women talk to their husband just about that bad. Well, if you're like me, you're about as stubborn as a mule when it comes to ordering.

But if you'll ask, there's absolutely nothing in this world. in my power that I wouldn't give to my wife or do for my wife.

Why? Because that's the wife that God gave me. That's the one that I'm going to stay with until I die. Amen? My best friend, she knows things about me that I hope she don't ever tell anybody.

confusion comes when the wives begin to wear the pants in the family.

They want to be the big boss man. And then the role gets reversed and the husband is starting to stay home with the children and starting to depend on the wife to make the living and bring the income in.

[ 35 : 26 ] And then the wife, she gets all messed up because she's out there in the workplace trying to carry the load of the man. I am young enough and still old enough to remember when the women stayed home and the men went to work.

I am still young enough to remember when women didn't wear pants. I remember when pedal pushers came into style. Pedal pushers.

That let you know how old I am. Y'all don't even know what pedal pushers are. They've been going out of style by 25, 30 years ago. And they would never, never dream of wearing anything like that to church.

I remember when we had a wonderful church in Livermore and I remember when this one particular lady, she married a drunk and alcoholic. She had four children.

One of them was sentenced to suicide. and I remember when she went to work. Now, she was one of the most faithful ladies in the church. Faithful to pray, faithful to look in the church, faithful to have her children there.

[ 36 : 38 ] But you know what? She went to church in the sewing factory. Oh, went to work in the sewing factory. Then church took a second place.

And then children had to take a second place. And then it just kept on getting worse with how her youngest son didn't get a truck in places they're done.

I guarantee you that mama would get that boy in church. he'd be alive today.

Amen. The role is reversed. Now the wife wants to advise the husband. Here's what you need to do. Take the control.

And that's why we have some little confusion and disagreement and divorce. Amen. My mama never told me or my brother or my sister you wait till your daddy gets on.  
[ 37 : 42 ] You're going to get it then. But my mama would go out there and break a little switch off the tree. You're going to get it now. You don't have to whether daddy gets on. My daddy never whooped me.

He never had to. My mama whooped me before daddy got on. Thank the good Lord because daddy's a big man. And mama I could be away from her. When she tried to whoop me I'd run around like that. Been there, done that.

Amen. But you know it's hard to find a good woman anymore. Let me tell you what the preacher said about it.

Proverbs 12 and 4 he said a virtuous woman is a crown to her husband. A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband. but but she that maketh him ashamed is as rottenness in his bones. Tell me to Proverbs 31. Let's read it. Ecclesiastes 7 and 28 this is a man that knew all about women.

[ 39 : 04 ] He knew all about women. What would you say that a man is looking for in a woman? Well some men are stupid and they're just looking for a sex point.

Some are looking for a paycheck somebody to make a believe in a woman. But Solomon said where can you find a virtuous woman?

A virtuous woman. Ecclesiastes 7 it said it says the preacher hath said this type or this kind of a woman that my soul seeketh after but I have not found one among a thousand.

Solomon the preacher somebody wondered why did he have 300 wives and 700 concubines?

That's just a fancy way of saying extra women because he was looking for one virtuous woman. And he said I haven't found one of the thousand that I have. Proverbs 31 says verse 10 who can find a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies the heart of her husband doth safely trust in her so that she have no need of spoils.

[ 40 : 48 ] I want you to look how many times it says she she would do him good not evil all the days of his life. Isn't that precious?

You can count on your wife to do you good or not even. She is like the merchant ships she bringeth her food from afar she razzeth up what is yet night and giveth meat to her household and a portion to her maidens.

She seeketh wool and flanks and worketh willingly with her hands. Have you ever seen so many lazy women? This is Mother's Day. Father's Day preach on lazy women.

Have you ever seen so lazy women? Some of them don't even want to get out of bed till 12 or 1 or 2 or 3 o'clock and after this I got to get up and my husband will be home in a minute and I need to straighten up a house. Some of them don't even get up to get their children off to school.

Here she gets up early when she feels hard. Depairs the food. There ain't no woman I know that's the problem. The problem is that who can find me?

[ 41 : 58 ] The bride of Jesus Christ is only that in the man. Verse 16 She considered the field and the fruit of her hands she planted at venure.

She girdeth her loins with strength and strength her arm. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good. Her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle and her hand holds her the staff.

She stretcheth out her hand to the poor. Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household. For all her household are clothed with scarlet.

Amen. You know what the scarlet means? That's the blood. They're saved. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry. Her clothing is silk and purple.

Where's her husband at? What's he doing if she's doing all this? She considers up to the ground and she goes about where's her husband at? She gets up in the morning and stays up late at night. Where's her husband at?

[ 43 : 05 ] Her husband is known in the gates. Remember what I go over and said I read her husband sit up in the gates? And when he sitteth among elders of the land with her husband he's sitting in the gates with the elders of the land and what's he talking about?

There ain't no woman like the one I got. Now boys y'all might think y'all got a good woman. You ain't got a woman like I got.

Woman that I can trust. woman that I can give her access to everything that I own to know that she's going to treat it with honor and respect.

That's what this guy is telling everybody. Yeah. Hey, you see that girl my wife went to look at her and I'm getting the access from her. What are you doing? I'm sitting down here at the round table talking to the men.

Your wife will let you do that? Are you the head of your house? Or are you the mouth of the house? Easter came and this suit I got on here this new suit I've only had it for three or five years last new when I bought one.

[ 44 : 39 ] So Easter came and I went out and really expensive for a hundred dollars at \$49.95 and I wore that person in there on Easter morning and I knew dark blue suit in my house and I said I said I went long with value it and she didn't say take it back get that money back you ain't gonna!

spend that money I'll tell you how to spend your money I'll tell you how to spend your money not only got another I t-shirt on a t-shirt and if I'm gonna have a t-shirt on I'll probably need to get some flip-flops and if I'm gonna have t-shirt and flip-flops I might as get blue jeans and you know would my wife would be very proud of me if I came in here this morning? If I hadn't shaved? Without every hair meticulously in place, both of them? She maketh fine linen, and selleth it, and delivereth girdles unto the merchants. Strength and honor are her clothing, and she rejoices in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of a household, and it eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed. Is that what your children say about you, ladies? Her children rise up and call her blessed. She eateth not the bread of idleness. Her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favor is deceitful, beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the

Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her.

Where? How's her works to praise her in the gates? Except that her husband that's down under the gates is telling everybody, ain't no woman like the one I got. Hey, hey, hey.

See, I don't believe in accidents. You believe in accidents? I don't believe in accidents. I believe that God gave me the wife he wanted me to have. And how many men have heard this old saying? Well, a man's home is his castle. You ever heard that? Well, that's a lie. A man's home is not his castle. Y'all are back too early. A man's home is not his castle. The home, amen, a home is his wife's castle. The home is to be the wife's castle. Every once in a while, my wife asks me to vacuum, but not very often. My wife wants a new castle.

I want to read to you here in the book of Ephesians. We know what it says. It says, husbands, love your wives. As Christ also loved the church. And how much did he love the church?

[ 48 : 38 ] He loved it enough to die for it. Husbands, love your wives as Christ also loved the church. And he gave himself for it. That he might present it to himself. A church, a wife, without spot or blemish.

It even says without wrinkles. A holy wife. Washed with the waters of the word.

The only way that you can clean your wife, you can't clean her with a wash rack. Man, the only way you can get your wife clean is if you wash her with the waters of your word. Love your wife as your own body.

If your own body, when you get hungry, you feed it. When you get tired, you set it down. Don't expect your wife to go forever without feeding her and letting her sit down. Love your wife as your own body.

And I want to talk about the last thing. I'm going to have to jump on down here to it. The last aspect is to give no occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. How many believes that wives can give occasion to the adversary?

[ 50 : 01 ] Speaking on wives today, next time I preach on men. The wife can give an occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. And the first thing that came to my mind was keep a clean house.

Wives keep a clean house morally and spiritually and physically. Keep a clean house morally. Keep a clean house spiritually. and keep a clean house physically. Before you invite somebody over you have to say wait a minute wait out here I got to go inside and tell my wife I'm bringing somebody in see if it's alright.

Let her pick up all the clothes off the sofa and get all the junk up out of the floor and make a way so we can get through. And you know what some people say?

She ain't much of a wife or he ain't much of a man one or the other. Reproach means to accuse to call somebody to accuse or to blame for a fault so as to make them feel ashamed and rebuked and reproved.

[ 51 : 13 ] It means to bring shame and disgrace upon to discredit. When this happens in the family between the husband and wife then the devil moves in and he has the biggest heyday destroying that marriage destroying that home destroying those children and making that marriage wind up on the rocks.

Can somebody say amen? You know what they always said about my mama? You could eat off her floor. Because you know why?

I don't think every story she didn't have a rag in her hand going like that. It was also almost obsessive oppressive you know because compulsive when she didn't have nothing else to do she'd take a broom out and sweep the yard.

work in all time. Amen? Some of you ladies ever do that? This says go back to page one. Let me finish on this last thing here.

Paul is writing and everything I've been preaching to you here is to spirit-filled women. Everybody say spirit-filled. Spirit-filled. Now spirit-filled means filled to your present capacity. Filled to your present capacity because as you grow and expand spiritually and morally then you expand enough that you can be more spirit-filled.

[ 52 : 40 ] How many things you can be more spirit-filled than you are now? You can be a more spiritual person. Think more spiritual thoughts. Have more spiritual acts. Dress more spiritually. Talk more spiritually. Live more spiritually. But we just got to live what we are right now.

Amen? So the natural God intended setting for the woman is to not in the workplace but in the home.

And her first priority is to be a helpmeet to her husband. Helpmeet. Where in the world did that word come from? I'm going to hurry through this. Genesis 2.18 The Bible said God said it's not good for a man to be alone so I'm going to make a helpmeet for him.

When you look up the word help in the strong concordance it's 5820. When you look up the word meet it's also 5820. Help and meet have the same thing.

Have the same definition. And it means to surround to protect and to aid. What was Eve's job?

[ 53 : 45 ] To surround Adam. Somebody said that woman was just suffocating me to death. Shut up. She's doing her job. To helping you. Honey I'm out here changing this tire.

Would you come out here and help me wipe the sweat off my brow. Honey I'm cooking dinner would you come in here and get this bowl down out of the top of the cabinet.

Would you help me? How many knows that help goes both ways? Amen. Exodus 20. This is going to kind of blow your mind. Well 2 Corinthians 11 2 says your God is a jealous God.

Do we have any jealous women here? What is jealousy? That's the wrong kind.

God is jealous. You think God's jealousy is cool as a grave? No. The Bible does say jealousy. The wrong kind of jealousy is as cool as a grave.

[ 54 : 46 ] But God kind of jealousy and God is a jealous God. Where did that come from? It comes from Exodus 20 chapter in the fifth verse. It says thou shalt not make it to any graven images nor anything like that for your God is a jealous God.

And God gives us jealousy to protect our home, to protect our property, to protect our possession. Jealousy does that? Yes? I can go in here and I can hug you ladies and pat you on the shoulder and kiss you on the cheek and my wife won't get jealous.

But you let me do that to the wrong woman and she comes unglued. My wife can sit around these young men or older men and put her arm around them and put them on the shoulder and hug on them you know and I don't care but you let her do it to the wrong man how do I know who the wrong man is?

God has put something in every one of us and it's called jealousy that lets us know buddy that's mine and I'm feeling something that I shouldn't be feeling that lets me know that you're trampling on my territory and me and you are going to have a pow wow and I'm going to be beat the drums on your head if you don't get away from my property you think your wife is your property that's right my wife is my property and I am her property and you all can partake of my property until I get jealous and then when I get jealous you ain't going to partake of my property no more I'm going to tell you you go get your own property because I'm feeling something ain't right from you amen you know

why because God instituted marriage I started out it is God's will first for you to marry and God started that in the garden of Eden when he saw that man was alone and he said he going to make a help meet for him somebody to watch him us men are stupid we need somebody to watch us to tell us

[ 57 : 04 ] I even need somebody to tell me if my clothes match or not it is almost bad that I hang my ties we can spend money on stupid things that we shouldn't be spending money on but as the stewardess and the word steward like I said means one who oversees how money is spent as a general rule I hate to say this but women are smarter than men any men here disagree on that he's the only one don't have a wife he's not going to agree with that but that's Kevin agreed with didn't you

Kevin the word jealousy means listen I'm trying to get through here I got a long way to go today but I don't have to rush now so let me just preach a little bit the word jealousy means to be very watchful you're going out there among young women but I they going have your wife or your husband they going to be gone you're going to be left standing there and said I don't know what I did wrong let me tell you what happened you wasn't jealous and you left the door open and the devil came in amen slam that door in the devil's face that's my wife God gave me that wife and I'm going to fight the devil and I don't care what happens amen we're going to live together till death do us part if we have to kill each other to bring it to pass jealousy means ever ever watchful careful in guarding or keeping suspicious of any rival resentful of time not spent with her envious now

God is an envious God and he's jealous and the word envious means requiring exclusive loyalty you're my wife first last and in the middle you're my wife amen requiring exclusive loyalty how did I say the proper order is God first your wife or your husband second and your children third and then everybody else last amen amen and if you ever get that screwed up you're in trouble Exodus 20 second commandment thou shall not make it to the end of graven images Exodus 34 and 14 God said God said God said this my name is jealous and name means nature God has a jealous nature how do you think God feels when we come in here and we shout on Saturday night or Sunday and then we go out through the week and we flirt around with every ungodly thing

God is a jealous God he said I don't want hey I'll tell you what my wife expects me to dress a certain way and I expect my wife to dress a certain way I don't expect her to dress any way that would embarrass me neither does she expect me to dress some way to embarrass her you know why because I'm jealous and she's jealous if I were put on the wrong kind of clothes she was very fast to tell me you ain't wearing that if that don't look right and you ain't gonna look like it and embarrass me one time I was in the insurance business and they were going to take pictures that day and I picked a tie out and I was it purple and what color shirt did I have on I don't know but my wife just sat there and looked at that picture and said I can't believe you look so stupid with that purple tie because she didn't want me to look that way she wanted me to look so she would be proud of me it means to surround and to protect how can a woman protect her husband is by being jealous of that husband and before you got married this doesn't sound very nice but you let a strange dog in the neighborhood come what we call in and every dog in the neighborhood is chasing that one dog around until they get what they want and then they all leave and women don't think it's any different with men they know when you come in when you're on the make when you're on the prowl when every

Tom Dick and Harry is chasing you they know that let me tell you what's going to happen to Tom Dick and Harry after they have robbed you of your virtue and they're going to be gone you ain't going to have no place to go just like Hosea and his wife come to take you home that's my little Mother's Day message for 2003 and everybody say amen we have somebody round all the children up we have some anniversaries and some birthdays and giveaways so this month sister

[ 63 : 30 ] Kim Pollard had a birthday sister Treva Brooks has had a birthday Michael Wright had a birthday Deborah Knight has had a birthday William Miller Jr.

I won't have to bite on that Delphine's son had a birthday Samuel Vaught had a birthday and I said why are you still carrying them people forward brother Darrell told me this the other day said brother John Vaught came down the street and he saw brother Darrell and he stopped and said hey saw Belinda said I really enjoy reading that little paper y'all put out that little pamphlet and if he looked in there this month he saw Samuel Vaught in there they're still carrying my son's name down there amen Shannon Frazell had a birthday the 12th Stacy will have one the 13th Madison Hedden will have one the 19th Kenneth Miller Kenneth Miller will have one the 19th Belinda Mercer will have

one the 21st Josh Geary will have one the 22nd  
Gussie Colvin had one the 25th Emily Martin will have one the 26th Alma Van Devener will also  
have one the 26th Alma Neff will have one the 27th and Seth 30th will have one the 29th and we  
had some anniversaries this month also Paul and Janice Sabowski had their anniversary of the  
third Billy Marie Neff had theirs the fourth Daryl and Melinda Mercer's is today Irie and Lottie Friam  
how many members Lottie Friam some of you folks don't remember she lives one block over here  
she's a netherly lady and she don't come to church anymore but every month she sends her little  
check with her tithes in it pray for me and Ira and and then David and Amineth had their anniversary  
the 23rd ok and I'll now turn this over so somebody knows what's going on ok these flowers we are  
giving out they're called impatience but yet we're giving out impatience but the mothers need to  
realize that through all the times that they went through and couldn't tolerate us anymore that they  
were still there for us so these impatience we're passing out are going to give y'all just a sense of  
patience that y'all can't hold with y'all can't

Thank you.

Thank you.

[ 67 : 33 ] Thank you.

Thank you.

Now listen, our revival continues Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Get in here and pray. Amen. Now  
we know when we have all these visitors that they are not used to turning down lights and praying.  
So we can't do it like we normally do, but we'll pray as much as we can. And then just expect God to  
move. Amen. Amen. Amen. What did that brother say? He said he did that for 13 weeks. Just did it  
on the weekend for 13 weeks.

Drove all the way to Cape Girardeau or somewhere down in Missouri. People got saved, healed,  
delivered. Amen.

[ 69 : 11 ] So don't forget. What are we doing now? I know it. Did everybody get a stepping stone  
and a flower?

Did everybody get a stepping stone and a flower? We need Bebe and Daryl to come to the front.  
Ruthless men do what?

Retain riches. Yeah. Ruthless men. Where is Bibi?

Bibi.

We made a stone and it says forever always and it has the- Listen, listen please, start again. We  
made a stone for Bibi and Daryl for their anniversary and it says forever always and it's got the date  
they was married and this date and we want to tell them that we love them and that we appreciate  
everything they do for us.

[ 70 : 52 ] Happy anniversary to you, happy anniversary to you, happy anniversary to you, happy  
anniversary to you, happy anniversary to you, and the best one that you've ever had.

Happy anniversary to you, happy anniversary to you, may you feel a chance I still every day of the  
year. Happy anniversary to you, happy anniversary to you, and the best one that you've ever had.  
Happy anniversary to you, happy anniversary to you, happy anniversary to you, happy anniversary  
Happy anniversary.

Happy anniversary. Happy anniversary. May you feel.

She's here. Every day. Happy anniversary. Happy anniversary. And the best one. You've ever.

[ 72 : 53 ] Happy anniversary.

Happy anniversary. Happy anniversary. Happy anniversary. Happy anniversary. May you feel.

She's a sin. Every day.

All the year. Happy anniversary. Happy anniversary. And the best one. You've ever. Let's ask the  
Lord to bless these anniversaries.

Lord Jesus. We thank you Lord for Brother Darren and Sister Belinda. Lord for the life they live.  
Lord for the family. Lord God for the home that's always open to us. Ask you Lord God to lead them  
and guide them. Direct them throughout this coming year.

And draw them closer to you. In Jesus precious name we pray. Amen. I want everybody that got a  
flower. Hold it up. Everybody got a flower. Hold it up. All right now.

[ 74 : 09 ] Who went to the trouble. To cut out these little. Gauzy stuff. And who went to the trouble.  
To go get the flowers. And put them in them cups. Huh.

Nana. Let's give the Lord a big hand for Nana. Amen. Praise God. Hallelujah. Thank you Jesus. Praise the Lord. Amen. Amen. Amen. Praise the Lord. Amen. Amen. It's wonderful.

Hello. Oh, okay. Just talking to the mic. You'll be all right. Grandma, I'm having Grandma's surprise birthday party the 24th.

It's not this next Saturday, but the Saturday after. And she just left so I can now. I just want to make sure everybody knows. Probably going to have it around 1 o'clock, I'd say.

[ 75 : 41 ] It'd be a good time. But I am going to need some help. So if anybody wants to come up and help me, I'm going to cook fish and hamburgers and all that kind of stuff. And, yeah, if the women, I'm just going to have it at the house.

Yeah, outside in the backyard because I think she would like to have it at the house and stuff. But anybody, the women and stuff that want to cook something, bring it. Bring a two-liter or something like that.

And what I was thinking about doing, if everybody would want to pitch in, you know, \$5 or something, would just go in and buy her a great big present.

And it would be from the whole church type of deal, and we can all give it to her. Or give her the money, yeah. Don't tell them what you want to buy. Well, I'm going to buy that myself.

But anybody else with the church money, she wants what she really wants is a TV for the front room. And I'll go ahead and tell you, she wants a 30-inch TV for the front room, or 32-inch.

[ 76 : 43 ] I don't even know how much it costs. But that's what she said she wanted. And that's what, yeah. But whatever we do get together, if we do, if anybody wants to give it \$5 or something, whatever they can give, we'll still go together.

And that's what we're in.