

CHILDRENS SERMON - breakfast/ barber- no Raisin Bran for the Nazerite and no haircuts either

Judges 13:1-14 - A Nameless Mom to a Famous Son

Intro. - Today is a doubly special day – Lord's Day and Mothers Day. (4th and 5th Commandments) It is right to honor mothers and motherhood. God has established authority and the first authority in life is parental authority. 5th command is the first command with a promise - "live long on the earth"

If you listen to mom you just might live long.....the son from today's mom lived short

Today we are going to look at a sketch of Sampson's mom- She was a nameless mom with a famous son. She had troubles and triumphs in life. She had a calm demeanor and lived in self denial. She gave wise instruction but had a sons rejection. She was a woman to be admired but is often overlooked

Nameless Mom with a Famous Son

- We don't know Sampson's moms name. (Mrs. Manoah or Sampson's mom)
 - o She did not try to make a name for herself She poured herself into someone else
 - o Kate Middleton's grandmother – "I want to be the top brick on the chimney"
- This nameless mom devoted her life to making her son the top brick
 - o Epitome of motherhood - pouring yourself into someone else
 - o Her only name was *Mom* That is a great name even if it is your only name

She had Troubles and Triumphs

- 13:3 - the Angel of the Lord repeats her problem "barren and childless"
 - o Before she had the name "mom", she had the name "barren"
 - Several prominent women in scripture had this name
 - o Prov. 30:15-16- 4 things that are never satisfied – grave, barren womb, dry land, fire
 - o This woman with the name *Barren* could not be satisfied in her troubles of barrenness
 - Holidays are hard for some. Mothers day is hard for those who long to be mom
- The Angel of the Lord had a repeated blessing to sooth her double trouble
 - o "going to become pregnant and have a son" 13:3
 - o Ps. 127:3 "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him
- She had troubles and triumphs in having a child
 - o As we shall see – she had triumphs and troubles in raising her child
 - Typical M.O.M. - Manager Of Messeswho blesses

She had a Calm Demeanor and Self-Denial

- After the good news from angel – she told her husband and he prayed for 2nd visit

- o Angel came back with same news and instruction 13:13-14
- o They offered sacrifice to Lord - Angel went up in flame - husband freaked out
- 13:22-23
 - o Wife calmed his fears by a calm and reasoned reply
- This nameless Mom started on a process of self denial
 - o The Angels blessing came with instructions about a restricted diet
 - No wine, fermented drink, anything from grapevine or unclean food (3 x's)
 - 40 yrs ago the Surgeon General gave warning for pregnant women and alcohol
 - 3200 yrs behind the times and finally caught up to the Bible
 - o Having a baby alters your life and lifestyle
 - Moms give up a lot for their babies
 - Motherhood is a life a self-denial
 - "Never be Enough" song from Greatest Showman - "...Towers of gold are still too little, these hands that could hold the world but it'll never be enough..."
 - To have and hold a child is self denial. Philippians 2:3-4

She gave Wise Instruction with Sons Rejection

- 14:1-3
 - o When Sampson was of marriageable age he had eyes for a pagan woman
 - o His mom warned him about his dating practices
 - Only date and marry in the faith
 - This has always been a big deal for the people of God (unequally yoked)
- Sampson's mom spent his lifetime instructing him about 3 things
 - o His diet his dating his hair (his dreadlocks 16:13,19 - 7 braids)
 - All three of these got him in trouble
 - o His diet - he ate unclean food from a carcass (mom didn't know)
 - o His dating - Sampson had a weakness for pagan women (mom warned)
 - o His dreads - from the womb she was told never to put a razor to his hair
 - Mom never cut his hair and she taught him about Nazerite hair - 16:16-17
 - o Prov. 1:8 "do not forsake you mothers teaching"
 - Moms responsibility is to steer in right direction but she cannot ensure the right direction. (your mom's words ever come back to bite you?)
 - o Ex.20:12 "Honor your father and mother....live long Eph. 6:1-3
 - Sampson judged 20 years - probably died before 40 - young
 - Defeated in lap of a woman mamma warned him about...dreadlocks on the floor that mom would never cut. Forsook moms teaching and died young
- Judges 17:31 - his brothers buried him...he had judged 20 years
 - o Sampson was a man of faith (Heb. 11) with many faults...but he had a fabulous mother
 - o She was nameless - content to pour into her famous son.
 - o She had trouble with barrenness and triumphed with children - Sampson and brothers
 - o She had a calm demeanor with self denial & gave wise instruction with sons rejection