

# Mothering Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2013

## (1) Welcome:

**Pastor David to welcome and give any notices (Inc SP prayer on 16/3 & AGM Reports Request)**

Today is Mothering Sunday whose origins lie in people returning to their Mother Church. We also think about our Mothers and those who have been like a mother to us, physically as well as spiritually.

(2) What sort of things do our mothers do for us?

Bright Sparks have drawn what their mums do:

(3-9) Feed us, clothe us, wash us, teach us, help us, forgive us, and hopefully show us Jesus.

Now not everyone has the great experience of having a good mother but I think we can all acknowledge the motherly qualities we see in other people even if they are not our birth mothers.

So today as we think about mothers we are going to think especially about Jesus' mother Mary.

This morning we will consider.

## (10) What five things might Mary say to us?

### (11)

**1) Believe God - say yes to what he wants to do.**

Consider what might God be asking of you? Maybe someone you need to talk to or help or encourage?

Let's read together Luke 1:38:

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

**Tell the person next to you of a time when you said yes to what the Lord wanted of you?**

**Prayer led by Pastor David** (Lord today we honour your earthly Mothers faith and the gift of all mothers. May we be pregnant with the potential of heaven, graced with your many gifts, and give new voice in praise to magnify your holy name)

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## Worship (3 Songs)

Lord How Majestic You Are 355

Such Love Pure as the Whitest Snow 514

Jesus put this song into my heart 299

## Word

**(12) Two more things things might Mary say to us?**

- 2) **Remember what God says** - Luke 2:19,51 both these verses say: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Lets take a moment to ponder God's Word & Promises.

**Tell the person next to you one of God's promises that you hold dear.**

**(13)**

- 3) **Do whatever Jesus tells you** John 2:5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Remembering what he says, doing whatever he tells you?

**Share with the person next to you something that you have felt God wanted you to do.**

*Play "Simon says"*

Can you think of a time when some one has gone out of their way to have time for or do something for you?

This self-less giving of time or love or change of priorities is an example of what God asks of us as we mother one another?

**Drama:** "You can have me on Sunday, Lord" (A sketch about following Jesus and the consequent effects on our lives, priorities and time.) **Richard & Steve.**

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**Reflection (Play Hillsongs track 5 DVD: Blessed):** What is God asking of you or saying to you?

### **Worship (3 Songs)**

He is Lord 755

For I'm Building a People of Power 111 (with specific St A verse)

Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart 1013 **Offering??**

### **Offering & Dedication**

**Two more things might Mary say to us?**

(14)

- 4) **Receive Jesus' help** John 19:25-27 Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciples whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, the disciple took her into his home.

**What do we need to receive from Jesus?**

**Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31 read by Janet Wilson Sharp**

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- 5) **Meet, pray and worship with friends** Acts 1:4. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

**Summary:** A Faithful Mother: Believes God, Remembers what God says, Encourages others to do what He says, Receives help from Jesus & meets to pray and worship with Jesus' friends.

**As Faithful Sons and Daughters we need to follow Mary's example.**

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**Prayers for others by Clegg Children and maybe William & Danielle.**

## **Worship (2 Songs)**

Jesus King of Kings 295

The Splendour of the King 2065

(Daffodils given out during these songs)

**Peter wants men to sing: Great is thy Faithfulness to the ladies and will organise.**

**The Grace**