

If You Had A Mother Who...

Genesis 16:1-6; 1 Kings 3:16-27



An Unwilling Mother

- When Sarah could not have children, she gave Hagar to Abraham to bear a child for her.
- Hagar became Abraham's concubine.
- A concubine was a female slave designated to bear children which placed them above normal slaves.
- When Hagar found that she was pregnant, her attitude changed towards Sarah.
- Sarah began to treat Hagar harshly to the point that Hagar ran away.
- Later, Sarah requested Abraham send Hagar and Ishmael away so that Ishmael would not be in competition for Isaac's inheritance.
- Even though she was forced to have this child, it forever changed the circumstances of her life; he was her child and she loved him.

The Mother Who Stood Up To A King

- Two women had babies within days of each other, but one accidentally laid on top of her baby while she was sleeping smothering the child.
- She switched her child with the woman who lived in the house with her, but a mother knows her child.
- After confronting the other woman, they were both brought before King Solomon.
- After both women pleaded their case, Solomon decided to split the baby between them.
- Not concerned about protocol, the real mother told Solomon to give the baby to the other woman as she was only concerned about saving the life of her son.

Mothers Today

- Delivering a baby into this world makes you a birth mother, but it is what you do afterwards that determines if you are a “good mother.”
- Each one of these mothers are examples of mothers today.
- There are mothers who not only do not care about their children but see them as a means to an end.
- Sometimes we have to experience some things in life before we really understand what it means to have had a good mother.
- Sometimes we do not appreciate our mothers when we are living with them; it comes later when we’ve had time to reflect.

Conclusion

- **If You Had A Mother Who...**
 - **Stopped you from leaving the house for school wearing inappropriate clothes.**
 - **Worked several jobs in order to provide for you and for your every need.**
 - **Quit her job to be at home with you because that was what you needed at the time.**
 - **Washed your mouth out with soap when you used inappropriate words.**
 - **Took you to Church; would not let you fall asleep during service; and made you go to Sunday School.**
- **Bless her!**
- **Give God the praise for the mother or mother figure who so influenced your life that you accepted Christ as your personal Savior!**