



# THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

## PASTORAL GROWTH SERIES

### “MOTHER, WHERE ARE YOU?”

#### Mother's Day Special Episode

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The Prodigal Son is a great story of many levels; the typology, love, restoration, and jealousy made the narration all powerful and intriguing (Lk.15:11-24). However, something was missing in the story. It was the mother. She was never mentioned at all. Was she there? We cannot help but wonder how the story may have been different with the presence of the mother, guiding and urging him to do the right thing. Indeed, the loving presence of a mother makes a lot of difference in our life as experienced by many well-known characters (in the Bible or otherwise).

#### 1. Great People with their mother by their side.

- 1.1 Abraham Lincoln who is one of the greatest presidents in US History claimed: “All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.” His mother was present in his life.
- 1.2 King Solomon, who was like his father King David, was also a great and powerful king. He was supported by his mother, Bathsheba. Solomon loved and honored her by making her sit on a throne on his right. He understood the importance of a mother on his side.
- 1.3 Jesus whose Mother Mary taught and took good care of Him was with Him from childhood until his passion and death on the cross. Jesus acknowledged her on the cross. He interrupted the salvation of mankind to make sure his mother would be looked after (Luke 2).
- 1.4 Sis. Techie Rodriguez’ mother Ennie prayed fervently for her (Sis Techie) until she gave in to her mom’s prodding to attend the renewal. This resulted in the founding of the

Lord’s Flock Community and the rest is history. She is now being used by God to bring souls to Him.

#### 2. What is a mother’s worth and how does a mother rank in God’s eyes?

Mothers are compared to ruby which is one of the twelve precious stones created by God. In ancient times, rubies were considered “the Lord of Gems” more precious than diamonds. The Bible compares mothers to rubies to set the value at its pinnacle. But the Bible shows an even deeper revelation of the value of mothers. The word “mother” is used 245 times in the Bible.

#### 3. What are the consequences of not having a mother figure in the family?

Children will have:

- deep and negative emotional issues;
- probability to face low self-esteem;
- anti-social behavior;
- emotional problems;
- trust and boundary issues;
- tendency to be juvenile delinquent; and
- difficulty forming a healthy adult relationship

#### Conclusion:

Mothers are priceless and invaluable not only in our family but in our society. We should love them; be with them; and take care of them in their old years (Exodus 20). We should not forget the values our mothers taught us (Proverbs 1:8). Truly, the closest thing to God’s love is a mother’s love.

#### Reflection:

1. What would have happened to you without your mother?
2. How do you treat your mother?

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