



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

FILES Exodus 2:1-10 (HCSB) –

A mother who raised:

† A _____

† A _____

† A _____

A WOMAN OF _____

Hebrews 11:23 (HCSB) –

FAITH IN A _____ CULTURE

Numbers 26:59a (HCSB) –

Exodus 6:20a (HCSB) –

† Faith grows in _____.

Exodus 2:1 (HCSB) –

Exodus 2:2 (HCSB) –

OT – “beautiful” – _____

NT – “beautiful” – _____

Exodus 2:3-10 (HCSB) –

Hebrews 11:23 (HCSB) –Her children need:

† To see _____.

† To hear _____.

† To personally _____.

Psalm 78:56-57 (NLT) –

3 John 2-4 (HCSB) –

Listen to your mother:

First Lady Laura Bush recalls one overnight visit with her husband in the home of his parents, the former President and Mrs. Bush.

“George woke up at 6 A.M. as usual and went downstairs to get a cup of coffee,” Laura says. “And he sat down on the sofa with his parents and put his feet up. And all of a sudden, Barbara Bush yelled, ‘Put your feet down!’”

“George’s dad replied, ‘For goodness’ sake, Barbara, he’s the President of the United States.’ “And Barbara said, ‘I don’t care. I don’t want his feet on my table.’” The president promptly did as he was told, for as Mrs. Bush observes, “Even Presidents have to listen to their mothers.”

(John McCaslin, The Washington Times “Inside the Beltway” 11-12-03)

‡ Review the points of the message on Sunday, May 13.

‡ What else stands out to you in Exodus 2:1-10?

In an interview with multiple-Grammy award winning Nora Jones, Dan Rather asked what her secret was to “*staying grounded*” and not letting her success get to her. The singer credited her mother. “*I think it’s because of my upbringing, my Mom,*” replied Jones. “*I mean if I did anything that she didn’t think was okay, she’s gonna tell me before anyone else even knows about it.*”

(The Big Interview with Dan Rather: Nora Jones, YouTube 03.15.17)

‡ How did your mother help you “stay grounded”?

‡ If your mother was not helpful in this way, was or is there a woman who has been a mother figure for you? How did she help you “stay grounded”?

‡ Take some time now to pray and thank the Lord for placing a mother or a mother figure in your life. Pray for her own struggles and spiritual well-being. Ask the Lord for a way to show her how much you appreciate her.

‡ What do these passages teach you about how to treat your mother?

Exodus 20:12 –

Proverbs 19:26 –

Proverbs 20:20 –

Proverbs 30:11-12 –

Tech writer Molly McHugh recently summarized why many mothers feel increasing anxiety about parenting. (Note the interesting title and subtitle of her article.) In short, McHugh writes, *“The concept of ‘It takes a village’ to raise a child has been slowly dying. More than ever, people are accomplishing the intensely demanding tasks of child-rearing on their own.”* She quotes a pediatrician named Dr. Harvey Karp who says, *“Today, people think that when they have their child, they know what they’re doing, and it’s normal to raise them on their own, and if they have a hard time with that they are wusses. But the truth is parents today have the hardest job because no one ever did this on their own and it’s very hard to do . . . there was this idea that it was macho to sleep less and there’s this macha idea with moms: ‘I get up with my baby every time she cries.’ And it’s not like you’re a great mom because you’ve been awake 20 out of 24 hours.”*

Mothering is hard and lonely work. We need each other as we parent our children in our increasingly isolated culture.

(Molly McHugh, *“Mommy, Daddy, and Their Precious Little Bundle of Data: How information collection, obsessive apps, and technological advances are making parents more paranoid than ever,”* The Ringer 01.09.17)

† What does Titus 2:1-5 teach you about, “It taking a village to raise children”?

Review:

† Which part of the message on Sunday, May 13 and/or this study, was most encouraging to you? Why?

† Which part of the message on Sunday, May 13 and/or this study, do you struggle with the most? Why?

† How can your group best pray for you?