



**“So then
faith
cometh
by
hearing
and
hearing
by the
WORD
of God.”**

**Romans
10:17**

196

MAY 2024

It has been a struggle to write an article paying tribute to our mothers. This has been true because nothing has ever been said or ever will be said that is eloquent enough, or expressive enough to articulate the true value of a mother. Being a mother is a very difficult task. Many mothers have testified to this fact. One mother said, “The joy of motherhood is what a woman experiences when all the children are finally in bed.” Another said to a dear friend, “Remember before I was married I had three theories about raising children? Well, now I have three children with no theories.” Then, there was the mother who was asked, “If you had it all to do over again, would you have children?” “Yes”, she replied, “But not the same ones.” The difficulty of motherhood can be seen in a verse written by a distraught mother. The verse is as follows:

“Some may climb Mt Everest, in search of thrills galore,
But I scale peaks that rival it, just past the laundry door:
Slopes of socks and underwear, sheer cliffs of shirts and pants.
Oh, yes, I live in mortal fear of a laundry avalanche.”

Mothers come in different sizes and colors, but they all seem to speak the same dialect. Perhaps you have heard these words from the mouth of your dear mother:

“Don’t you get smart with me.”
“Just wait until your daddy gets home.”
“If you break your leg, don’t come running to me.”
“Yes you are going, and when you get there, you are going to have fun.”
“Where’s my change.”
“That’s the last time I am going to tell you.”
“Call me when you get there.”

The advice heard by many a boy was, “You be sure and put on clean underwear, you might have a wreck.”

Yes, mothers speak the same language but they also share many of the same qualities. Most mothers are inquisitive, tender, compassionate and kind.

On this Mother’s Day many will display red roses making it known that their mother is alive. Others will wear white roses signifying that their mother has departed this life. Whether living or dead, each of us should give thought and pay tribute to our Mothers.

The writer of this article was raised by Christian parents. Both Father and Mother loved the Lord and sought to serve Him. We didn’t have a lot of the finer things in our home. I guess some thought of us as a poor family. In our house there were no beautiful furnishings. However, there was something that hung on the wall which I will always remember. It was a picture of a middle aged woman standing with two small children at her side. Beneath the picture were the words, “IF ALL THE SONGS ABOUT MOTHER WERE SUNG FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END, THERE WOULD BE NONE TO DESCRIBE MY MOTHER, MY BEST FRIEND.”

My mother, like many of yours, has departed this life and is now living with Jesus in the beautiful home He prepared for His children. On this Mother’s Day, I am going to pray that Jesus will call my mother to His side and tell her that I love her and will be coming home before long. Also, I am going to pray that Jesus will tell my Mom that I am doing everything I can to make sure that someday all the family will be there.

If your mother is still living, let her know how greatly you love her, and how grateful you are for the many sacrifices she has made in your behalf.

Falling in Love Again

Christopher Kolker MD

“Falling in love again, what am I to do?”

That’s a line from an old Marlene Dietrich song, one of the most beautiful songs you may ever hear. It probably brings up memories of when you were younger.

I remember courting my wife. I was nervous all the time. I wanted to know more about her and be around her. I knew she had a good heart, and I could feel that I wanted to plan my future around her, both for the rest of that day and for the rest of my life.

When I saw her, my heart would go bumpety-bump, my palms would get sweaty, and I felt this overwhelming flushing sensation. All that sounds bad, but it was a great feeling. I wanted more. That’s what it’s like to be in love.

But if you think about it, as Christians, we want that feeling to be even more profound. I’ve written previously that the highest love is not the romantic love feeling I described but something much higher: being in love with Christ.

That’s not the same as saying, “I love Christ.” Lots of people say that and then act like they don’t. They go off and do their own thing, sinning constantly, which is a rebellion against God. Others don’t pay much attention to God and His heart.

Being in love with God is the most fantastic feeling one can have. Just think: having that wonderful feeling for someone you know has your back, has your future assured, forgives you of your sins, and wants what’s best for you, even when things go wrong. You may find a small sample of that in your spouse, but only the Lord can promise eternity.

How do you fall in love with Christ again? I’ve said it before, but I’ll say it again: It comes down to **faith**. Just like when I knew my future wife wanted only good for me, your faith must tell you that God has your future assured.

You strengthen that faith every time you immerse yourself in the Bible, reading about what He wants for you; you fortify faith through prayer. You listen when things are still, and you will hear His voice in the silence.

You’ll begin seeing His presence when you’re out in the world. You’ll notice the Holy Spirit is everywhere. He’s in a child’s smile and the graciousness of those around you. He’s in the sacrifices those around you make every day to make life just a little better. If God opens your heart’s eyes, you can see them.

After petitioning Him in prayer, reading His Word, and hearing His voice, you will see His Spirit. And then you will feel Him. And you’ll fall in love all over again.

May God bless and keep each of you.

God has blessed Spreading the **WORD** Ministry with so many wonderful blessings . We have been able to expand, by adding new radio programs regularly , reaching more and more people with the Gospel of Christ. But the costs of these programs are expensive. The ministry carries a great load financially, God is always faithful and has filled our needs.

With summer months quickly approaching people get busy with all the activities summer has to offer and frequently our offerings suffer. Don’t let this happen to you.

We need your FINANCIAL SUPPORT. Whether your gift is large, or small, it will be put to use, spreading the **WORD**. What greater way to invest your money, than in sharing the Gospel? Please make this a matter of prayer and add Spreading the **WORD** Ministry your prayer and financial list.
