

Mother's Day 2025 Sermon Guide

Laura Seibert's powerful Mother's Day message reminds us that motherhood is a divine calling and partnership with God. She shares her own journey while offering biblical wisdom and practical tools for all women, whether biological mothers, adoptive mothers, grandmothers or spiritual mothers. This discussion guide will help you reflect on how God views motherhood, the power of words in shaping disciples and the incredible impact of partnering with God in this sacred role.

This sermon emphasizes:

- Motherhood is a gift and partnership with God to nurture, care for, disciple, train and cheer on children for the call God has on their lives
- God appoints mothers to their role and equips them through His Spirit
- Cultural messages and personal backgrounds can create lies that undermine confidence in mothering, but God's truth offers freedom from these limitations
- Our words have the power of life and death; our investment, modeling and words all matter equally in discipling children
- There are four powerful ways to use wise words: pray for your children, introduce them to Jesus, instruct them in God's ways and empower them as ambassadors for Christ
- The most significant contribution to God's Kingdom may not be something you do but someone you raise

Key Scriptures:

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the LORD of hosts. Zechariah 4:6 NASB1995

"The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit." Proverbs 18:21 NASB1995

"Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, 'Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep me from harm that it may not pain me!' And God granted him what he requested." 1 Chronicles 4:10 NASB1995

"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 NASB1995

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20 NASB1995

"And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.'" 2 Corinthians 12:9 NASB1995

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13 NASB1995

"A wise woman builds her house, but the foolish tears it down with her own hands." Proverbs 14:1 NASB1995

Lifegroup Questions:

- What is something God is doing in your devotional life this week?
- Break up into 2's and 3's and ask each other:
 - How is your devotional life going?
 - Is it both the time and quality you want?
 - How can we help each other?

Table Questions:

1. Laura defines motherhood as "helping a child become a disciple of Jesus." How does this definition change or affirm your perspective on the role of mothers?
2. The sermon emphasizes that God appoints mothers to their role. How might this truth help someone struggling with feelings of inadequacy as a mother?
3. Laura shared how God told her, "Don't go looking for your impact outside of what I've given you." How have you experienced tension between cultural definitions of significance and God's perspective?
4. What "lies" have you believed about your ability to parent well? How does the story of Jabez challenge these limiting beliefs?
5. Laura mentioned that investment, modeling and words all matter equally in parenting. Which of these areas feels most challenging for you right now and why?
6. What specific prayer practices from Laura's message could you implement this week? How might these practices transform your relationship with your children?
7. The sermon mentions that 83% of people give their lives to Jesus between ages 5-12. How does this statistic impact your view of a mother's spiritual influence?
8. Laura shared how her daughter Abby heard God's voice about her calling to nursing. How have you helped children in your life recognize God's voice and calling?
9. What does it mean to you that children are "ambassadors for Christ"? How might this perspective change your approach to parenting or influencing the next generation?
10. "Your greatest contribution to the kingdom of God may not be something you do, but someone you raise." How does this statement challenge or encourage you in your current season of life?