

Moms and Destinies

- I. **God uses moms to show us that God has compassion and good plans for all of us, even when we fail (Isaiah 49:14-16; Jeremiah 29:11-14).**
 - A. Mary was the first to be told about the birth of Jesus (Luke 1:26-33).
 - B. Mary and Elizabeth pondered the prophetic destinies of their sons when no one else had a clue (Luke 1:39-45; 2:19, 33-35).
 - C. God spoke to Rebecca about the birth of Jacob. Rebecca remembered, discerned, and intervened so that Jacob fulfilled his calling (Genesis 25:21-23; 27:5-17, 25-29, 41-46).
 - D. The mother of James and John asked boldly for her two sons (Matthew 20:20-23).
 - E. You, too, can boldly ask God for the plans He has for you (Jeremiah 33:2-3; Ephesians 2:10).

- II. **Mothers show us how to persist “in weakness” until divine destiny manifests.**
 - A. Hannah and Samuel
 1. Hannah contended in prayer for her child and then named him Samuel “because I asked the Lord for him” (I Samuel 1:6-20).
 2. In Hannah’s response to Samuel’s birth, she reveals a secret. “It is not by strength that one prevails” (I Samuel 2:9).
 - B. Two other mothers brought the future into the present: Mary at Cana (John 2:1-5) and the Syrophenician woman (Mark 7:24-30).
 - C. The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come” (Revelation 22:17; Luke 18:1-8).

- III. **Like Hannah, mothers have a tendency to remember the victories of their children like no other!**
 - A. It is important for our miracles to live before the Lord “always” (I Samuel 1:21-22, 27-28).
 - B. One miracle produces other miracles when we continue to keep its testimony alive.
 - C. Hannah received more miracles - three more sons, and two daughters (I Samuel 2:18-21).