

VEF Worship Service – May 10th, 2020

Happy Mother’s Day!

Call to Worship	Isaiah 33:2-6
Worship in Song	The Heart of Worship Endless Hallelujah In Christ Alone
Scripture Reading	Leviticus 16: 2-3, 6, 15-16, 30
Worship in the Word <i>Encouraging One Another – Hebrews 10:19-25</i>	Pastor John Olson
Benediction	Pastor John Olson

Application

In what specific ways can you spur another Christian on toward love and good deeds? How have you been encouraged by others?

Think of two or three people that you can contact this week and encourage. Ask how you can pray for them, ask how they are doing. Share a Bible verse with them. There are many ways that we can encourage people.

Announcements

VEF will be having “Communion in the Park” in two weeks. VEF will be holding two small communion services in a park nearby on Saturday, May 23rd and Sunday, May 24th from 11:15-11:45. The group size will be limited to a total of 30 people. You must be pre-registered to attend and we ask that you wear a mask and sit 2 meters apart from other people during the service. After the communion service there will be another opportunity to go out to lunch with small groups. To register for the communion service please go to the church website – <https://www.vefellowship.com/home/communion-in-the-park/>.

These are unusual times that we are living in. As we all have been adapting and adjusting our daily habits and practices so too has the church been changing and adapting. Currently Victory has decided to continue the online services and the epidemic response team will be meeting next Sunday to discuss what our next steps will be.

Even though we are not meeting in person right now the costs of Victory are largely the same. The church is asking you to please give your tithes and offerings now online. The offerings can be transferred to Victory's Postal account, the bank code is 700, followed by the account number - 0061021 0478485. When you make the first transfer in order to make sure that the offering goes to VEF please make sure to fill out this online form - <https://forms.gle/kyaFUoo9P3Pt8hUx6>

Question: "What does the Bible say about Christian mothers?"

<https://www.gotquestions.org/mothers-Christian.html>

Answer: Being a mother is a very important role that the Lord chooses to give to many women. A Christian mother is told to love her children ([Titus 2:4-5](#)), in part so that she does not bring reproach on the Lord and on the Savior whose name she bears.

Children are a gift from the Lord ([Psalm 127:3-5](#)). In [Titus 2:4](#), the Greek word *philoteknos* appears in reference to mothers loving their children. This word represents a special kind of "mother love." The idea that flows out of this word is that of caring for our children, nurturing them, affectionately embracing them, meeting their needs, and tenderly befriending each one as a unique gift from the hand of God.

Several things are commanded of Christian mothers in God's Word:

Availability - morning, noon, and night ([Deuteronomy 6:6-7](#))

Involvement - interacting, discussing, thinking, and processing life together ([Ephesians 6:4](#))

Teaching - the Scriptures and a biblical worldview ([Psalm 78:5-6](#); [Deuteronomy 4:10](#); [Ephesians 6:4](#))

Training - helping a child to develop skills and discover his/her strengths ([Proverbs 22:6](#)) and spiritual gifts ([Romans 12:3-8](#) and [1 Corinthians 12](#))

Discipline - teaching the fear of the Lord, drawing the line consistently, lovingly, firmly ([Ephesians 6:4](#); [Hebrews 12:5-11](#); [Proverbs 13:24](#); [19:18](#); [22:15](#); [23:13-14](#); [29:15-17](#))

Nurture - providing an environment of constant verbal support, freedom to fail, acceptance, affection, unconditional love ([Titus 2:4](#); [2 Timothy 1:7](#); [Ephesians 4:29-32](#); [5:1-2](#); [Galatians 5:22](#); [1 Peter 3:8-9](#))

Modeling with Integrity - living what you say, being a model from which a child can learn by "catching" the essence of godly living ([Deuteronomy 4:9](#), [15](#), [23](#); [Proverbs 10:9](#); [11:3](#); [Psalm 37:18](#), [37](#)).

The Bible never states that every woman should be a mother. However, it does say that those whom the Lord blesses to be mothers should take the responsibility seriously. Mothers have a unique and crucial role in the lives of their children. Motherhood is not a chore or unpleasant task. Just as a mother bears a child during pregnancy, and just as a mother feeds and cares for a child during infancy, so mothers also play an ongoing role in the lives of their children, whether they are adolescents, teenagers, young adults, or even adults with children of their own. While the role of motherhood must change and develop, the love, care, nurture, and encouragement a mother gives should never cease.