Pastor Notes: May 11, 2025

I know, Mother's Day can be very conflicting, deeply painful; for me that's Father's Day. Mother's Day, however, feels like sunshine to me, unleashes sweet and the best of memories, and fills my heart with praise and gratitude to God.

Somehow, God in His wisdom has given me a front row seat to not only good, but exceptional and godly mothering. Maybe it's because He thought, "That boy doesn't stand a chance without some serious mothering." So, He not only blessed me with my original Mama, and then added "Dote," my Aunt and 2nd Mom, Mabel, my American Mom, and Beverly, my terrific Mother-in-law.

Then there is Susie, who is the mother of our own children and is to all the "extras" God brought into our home. Talk about witnessing godly mothering wisdom and excellence. I hope our kids realize just what a precious gift they were given.

Reflecting on mothers while driving down the road the other day, deep gratitude filled me for both my daughter and daughter-in-law for the outstanding, superb Moms they are to our grandkids. I hope those little rascals will someday, hopefully sooner than later, realize just how great a blessing of God their Moms are.

The moment she heard, she dropped everything and made a beeline for Jesus to plead and prostrate herself at his feet. Jesus and his disciples, who had gone to coast to get away for a bit, tried to get her out of his hair as quickly as possible, but this mom wasn't letting up, here is how Matthew tells it, **"And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, 'Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.'**
But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she is crying out after us.'
He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'
But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."
And he answered, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.'
She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'
Then Jesus answered her, 'O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.' And her daughter was healed instantly"
Matthew 15:21-28 (ESV, also see Mark 7:24-30).

Judging from this brief incident, "What kind of mom was this lady?" I am inclined to think she was a very good one for the following reasons:

- What she cared most about was the welfare of her daughter.
- She was proactive and persistent.
- She didn't care what people thought of her, she was selfless.
- When it came to the well-being of her child, she was not going to be intimidated.
- She prayed, she made a request, petitioned Jesus.
- She didn't give up, even when Jesus shot down her request.
- She used her head. Jesus loved her reply.
- She understood and had faith in the power of God/Christ, and acted on it.

Looking at that list, memories of my Mama acting just like this flash before me, and maybe you as well. Can you imagine how many moms around the world will act just like this Canaanite mom today, and how many daughters and sons will be well and the better for it.
Can I get three mighty "Hallelujahs," and a fourfold "Thank You God," for the blessing of excellent moms all around the world?!

To God be all glory. Live you, Pastor Hans

Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

Antonio Villegas, Rachel's Health, Derrill Coffman (back) Hazel's recovery, Murthy Ann (cancer), our Country's Leadership, Our Pastor Search Team and those dealing with addiction (s).

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin, John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen, Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski, Christopher Sula, Dylan Briggs, Jacob Bowden

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and/or e-mail **Judy Mahar** at **ldpbcprayer@gmail.com** with your prayer requests.

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor , Richard Mayes - Head Deacon , Chuck Arndt, Barb Deibler, Jerry Lyman, Sarah Storey, April Wilcox

VBS: Magnified!

Coming to Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church

July 21 - 25

Volunteers needed!

Please sign up in the foyer

For more information: Susie (209) 247-9234

Centrifuge
Youth Summer Camp

Date: July 7th - 12th

Location: Jenness Park
Cold Springs, CA

For more information Contact

Matt & Wendy Garcia: (209)765-6914

Sermon Notes:

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Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesday's @ 6:00 PM
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages @ 7:00 PM
- Food Ministry - 1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday 9-11 AM
- Women's Ministry - Wednesday's @ 10:00AM
- GriefShare: Wednesday's, March 5th-May 28th @ 6:30 PM
- Chicken Foot - Thursday's @ 1:00 PM
- Special Business Meeting: Sunday, May 18th 12:00 PM

Fellowship Refreshments were provided by:
"Beverly & Youth's Class"

Thank you

Next week "Merle" is up!!

Giving
May 4, 2025

Offering:
$2,893.00

Annie Armstrong:
$500.00

Centrifuge Camp:
$5.00

VBS:
$70.00

Womens Ministry:
$83.00

Facilities:
25.00

Attendance:
100

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:
9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:
10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:
6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

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9:00 AM -11:00 AM

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Saturday: Youth Hang-Out 6-9 PM

Yearly Bible Reading Plan - 2025
May 12th– May 18th

DAY 1 - Eze. 31-32 (Prov. 12)
DAY 2 - Eze. 33-34 (Prov. 13)
DAY 3 - Eze. 35-36 (Prov. 14)
DAY 4 - Eze. 37-38 (Prov. 15)
DAY 5 - Eze. 39-40 (Prov. 16)
DAY 6 - (Prov. 17)
DAY 7 - (Prov. 18)

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Give

Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over—will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."
Luke 6:38 (NIV)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.