## **The Family Prayer Center**

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## A Born Identity - May Letter 2024

### Dear Friend,

In the 2002 film "The Bourne Identity" Matt Damon plays the part of a CIA operative who has lost his identity through amnesia and takes on one of his many passport names as Jason Bourne. His story to find out who he really is and what his life was before amnesia becomes a saga of high-suspense blockbuster movies.

Today, the Church at large has so moved away from its original foundation of the teachings of Jesus that it has lost its identity through spiritual amnesia. It has forgotten what manner of man it was created to be.

<u>James 1:22</u> But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. <u>James 1:23</u> For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

<u>James 1:24</u> For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. (spiritual amnesia)

The world has so infiltrated the Church that the Church has forgotten who and what they really are. The Church has allowed the world to define their existence. The Church has allowed the world to tell us how we should define and think of ourselves.

Instead of the Church becoming salt and light to the world for the purposes of penetrating the darkness, the world penetrated the Church with darkness by redefining who we really are.

There is no better example of this penetration of darkness than the vicious assault that the women of the Church have suffered through a foreboding effort of Satanic origin to redefine their identity and primary role in the Church and family.

Today, there is a spiritual attack against the women and mothers of the Church to cause them to feel inferior compared to the so-called free and successful image that they see in the world.

Satan has launched a seductive and covert attack in the form of emotional self-worth. He hides his venomous plan to devalue women and mothers through the idea of false responsibilities. He creates a world of comparisons where women and mothers are forced to size themselves up against icons of beauty and success.

The world has tried to define what a successful or non-successful mother is by categorizing it into many different metaphorical titles. It becomes almost humorous to read all the categories given by modern secular society to mothers today.

# Helicopter Moms:

A Helicopter Mom is often referred to as the "over" part in over-parenting. It involves excessive levels of involvement and control by parents in their children's lives. A motivation for this parenting style is driven by the parents' worry that their child might come to harm or not flourish.

## Tiger Moms:

A Tiger Mom is a form of strict parenting whereby parents are highly invested in ensuring their children's success. Specifically, tiger parents push their children to attain high levels of academic achievement or success in high-status extracurricular activities such as music or sports.

# Dragon Moms:

A Dragon Mom is mother of a child with a life-limiting condition. Why pay attention to a Dragon Mom's words? At their best, dragon parents are mindful, conscious, and aware - skills that allow them to live and love in the now.

## Jellyfish Moms:

A Jellyfish Mom is a permissive parenting style. These parents are the opposite of authoritarians. They project high warmth and communication but take little control, tolerate inconsistent daily routines, and provide few clear expectations for their kids.

# Panda Moms:

A Panda Mom is all about "gently guiding your little one, as opposed to shoving them down the parenting path." In other words, a panda parent is one who gives their kids the freedom to do things their own way.

## Dolphin Moms:

Dolphin Moms are authoritative in nature. Like the body of the dolphin, they are firm yet flexible. Dolphin parents have rules and expectations but also value creativity and independence. They are collaborative and use guiding and role modelling to raise their kids.

#### **Unicorn Moms:**

A mother who's not perfect, enjoys alcohol, has a sense of humor, and couldn't care less what you think.

#### Elephant Moms:

An Elephant Mom allows their children more flexibility and choices rather than definitive and strict guidelines that need to be followed. They may rock their children to sleep where other parents would let them cry it out.

#### China Doll Moms:

A China Doll Mom cannot cope with her problems and feels overwhelmed by what the child brings into her life. As a result, the child doesn't learn to deal with emotions; this makes him or her, as an adult, powerless in the face of feelings of anger, sadness, or fear that they or someone they know experiences.

### Lawnmower Moms:

A Lawnmower Mom will "mow down" any obstacle their child might experience. According to a professor who coined the term in a blog post, lawnmower parents "rush ahead to intervene, saving the child from any potential inconvenience, problem, or discomfort."

Although humorous and somewhat ridiculous, believe it or not, this is not an exhaustive list of all the psychological and emotional categories given to moms in parenting these days.

But what does the Bible say about the role of women and specifically the role of mothers in the Church? How can they guard themselves against false narratives that seek to devalue their role rather than fulfill it? The answer is always in the truth found in God's Word.

Women and mothers, when you were born again into the Kingdom of God, you were born with a spiritual identity that no category or status of this world could ever give you. Your call as women and mothers carries an anointing (if realized and engaged with) that is self-fulfilling beyond any status of this world.

To begin with, every woman in the Church regardless of age, marital status, or motherhood should consider themselves ministers of the END-TIME ARMY OF CHRIST, having a call from God equal to any man in the Church.

<u>Joel 2:28</u> And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your DAUGHTERS shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

<u>Joel 2:29</u> And also upon the servants and upon the HANDMAIDS in those days will I pour out my spirit.

The mindset of the world teaches that the basics of such things as motherhood, raising children, keeping house, and providing a safe and warm environment for husband and children are somehow an outdated and primitive art. The very concept is mocked and ridiculed by a woke Hollywood mentality that has entered the Church environment.

But is there an anointing on such basic and so-called primitive instructions by God? We have to believe that if God gave instructions, then He also provided His grace and a self-rewarding fulfillment in the acts of obedience to those instructions.

**Ephesians 5:22** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

**Ephesians 5:23** For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

**Ephesians 5:24** Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.

**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.

<u>Colossians 3:18</u> Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

- <u>Colossians 3:19</u> Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them.
- <u>Colossians 3:20</u> Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.
- 1 Timothy 3:11 Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.
- <u>1 Peter 3:1</u> Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;
- 1 Peter 3:2 While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear.
- <u>1 Peter 3:3</u> Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;
- <u>1 Peter 3:4</u> But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price
- <u>Titus 2:3</u> The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
- <u>Titus 2:4</u> That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
- <u>Titus 2:5</u> To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

# **Amplified version Titus 2:3-5**

- [3] Bid the older women similarly to be reverent and devout in their deportment as becomes those engaged in sacred service, not slanderers or slaves to drink. They are to give good counsel and be teachers of what is right and noble,
- [4] So that they will wisely train the young women to be sane and sober of mind (temperate, disciplined) and to love their husbands and their children,
- [5] To be self-controlled, chaste, homemakers, good-natured (kindhearted), adapting and subordinating themselves to their husbands, that the word of God may not be exposed to reproach (blasphemed or discredited).

Motherhood carries an anointing, not a penalty. If a woman is married and or has children, she should consider that this is the foundation of her ministry. It is the beginning part by which everything else circumvents. This is not the limitation of her ministry, but this role must be fulfilled first and foremost before all other things can be added.

Paul and his instructions to Timothy concerning women teaching or usurping authority over the man wrote these words in context:

<u>1 Timothy 2:12</u> But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

<u>1 Timothy 2:15</u> Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

Pastor Dave Roberson would often expound on these verses, teaching that Paul was certainly not saying that a woman's salvation was based upon her willingness or ability to have children. This would be ridiculous. Rather, the interpretation would be that if a woman was married, she should have a willing heart to become a mother (if possible) and a keeper of the home first. Then out of that ministry, she would be free or "saved" as Paul uses, which could be understood as sanctified to do whatever else the Lord called her to do, even to teach in the Church. Of course, not all women are married, nor do all married couples desire children. But the essence of the message is a humble and submissive heart towards her first call. And in this case, especially in the role of a mother and homemaker.

When I think of this type of scripturally based scenario of mother and homemaker. first and career or job second, my mind can easily think of one particular lady among many others.

This lady is a married woman. She is a born-again Christian, and by her association with a charismatic group, thought to be a Holy Spirit-filled believer. She and her husband have seven children ranging in age from 9 to 20 years old. Two of the children are adopted from Haiti and the last biological child has down syndrome.

Somehow, she and her husband learned that the greatest ministry that they could have in this life was to serve as parents first before going on to serve in career or status titles.

This particular woman is none other than Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett. Justice Barrett became the fifth woman to serve on the Supreme Court, was nominated by President Donald Trump, and has served since October 27, 2020.

Amy Coney Barrett became the third and last conservative justice nominated by President Donald Trump before the end of his presidency.

It was Barrett's vote, being the last appointed conservative justice, in the slim 5 to 4 margin on June 24, 2022 that overturned 50 years of ruling precedence in Roe v. Wade.

Amy Coney Barrett's one vote, because of the position God put her in, will no doubt save millions of babies that may have been aborted in the future. What an incredible honor to have as a person and as a woman to know you were responsible by God's grace to save the lives of future generations.

50 years after the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that opened up our nation to abortion, God uses a woman who counts being a mother and homemaker her greatest calling by God in this life to overturn this nation's greatest evil!

To all women young and old in the Church, remember: Your greatest days of ministry are ahead of you. Nothing and no one can stop what God has planned for your ministry in this Revival.

Women who are mothers, your identity has not been lost in serving first as a mother who will train, nurture, and fight alongside this future JOSHUA GENERATION.

MOTHERHOOD IS NOT A LOSS OF IDENTITY, BUT RATHER A PROMOTION. IT IS NEITHER A HINDERANCE NOR A RESTRICTION OF MANY OTHER THINGS BEING FULFILLED THROUGH YOUR LIFE.

YOU WERE BORN AGAIN WITH AN IDENTITY IN CHRIST.

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Thanks always for your ministry in prayer and support in helping us move forward in this Revival. Candy and I love and appreciate you and pray His blessings over you often.

I WILL SEE YOU IN THE REVIVAL!

Blessings, Pastor Bronc