

## Happy Mother's Day!

### Dare To Dream!

#### Words of Encouragement

(Psalm 139) 17 How **precious are your thoughts** about me, O God. **They cannot be numbered!** 18 **I can't even count them**; they outnumber the grains of sand!

(Jeremiah 29:11) For **I know the thoughts that I think toward you**, says the Lord, thoughts of **peace** and not of evil, to **give you a future and a hope**.

(Hebrews 11:1) Now **faith** is the substance of things **hoped for**, the evidence of **things not seen**.

#### The problem: Remember November

1. Brings up things in a conflict that happened in the **past**.
2. Well, you **hurt me** so now I am going to **hurt you**.
3. The REAL PROBLEM:
  - a) You have something **wrong** with me and
  - b) I have something **wrong** with you and
  - c) It has nothing to do with what we are talking about **now**.
4. I didn't tell you earlier because I wanted to **save it** for a special occasion.

#### Think about it:

1. What's my biggest hurt from my past that's negatively impacting my future and my relationship with God, myself and others that needs to be removed from my heart?
  - Anger, bitterness, hate
  - Rebellion, distrust of authority
  - Fear of rejection, self-rejection
  - Guilt/shame

#### The guide:

(Luke 17:28-33) 28 **"And the world will be as it was in the days of Lot**. People went about their daily business—eating and drinking, buying and selling, farming and building— 29 until the morning Lot left Sodom. **Then fire and burning sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all....**32 **Remember what happened to Lot's wife!** 33 If you cling to your life, you will lose it, and if you let your life go, you will save it.

(Genesis 19:17, 23-26) 17 When they were safely out of the city, one of the angels ordered, **"Run for your lives! And don't look back or stop** anywhere in the valley! Escape to the mountains, or **you will be swept away!"**... 23 Lot reached the village just as the sun was rising over the horizon. 24 Then the Lord rained down fire and burning sulfur from the sky on Sodom and Gomorrah. 25 He utterly destroyed them, along with the other cities and villages of the plain, wiping out all the people and every bit of vegetation. 26 **But Lot's wife looked back** as she was following behind him, and she turned into a pillar of salt.

#### The plan:

(Joel 2:28 NKJV) "And it shall come to pass afterward That **I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh**; Your sons and your daughters shall **prophesy**, Your old men shall **dream dreams**, Your young men shall **see visions**.

1. **When God is ready to take you forward don't look back at things that has no value**
  - a. God wants you to look forward by faith not by sight
  - b. God will take you from the familiar to the unfamiliar
  - c. He will take you to your scary place where you are off center and out of balance
  - d. (Philippians 3:12-14 NLT) 13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: **Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead**, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

## 2. Don't stay stuck in the past

- a. Lots wife failed to see that God was taking her to **something better not something lesser**
- b. Still mad at somebody who is gone, or still trying to prove something to somebody?
- c. (Isaiah 43:18-20 NKJV) "Do not remember the former things...the things of old. 19 **Behold, I will do a new thing,**
- d. Hold on to God's power, promises and presence NOT your past!

## 3. Be good to your mom!

- a. Help your mom vs. criticizing her
- b. Enjoy her NOW...
  - 1) Because she's not perfect....
  - 2) Because you will never remember....
  - 3) Because life is a.....

## 4. Know the voice of God, heart of God and share it with others

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- b. See, speak to and treat others with honor
- c. Always look for ways to care for, inspire and empower others

### Call to action:

1. **Revelation:** I will recognize and overcome MY hurts, habits and hang ups of the past (Ephesians 1:15-18)
2. **Responsibility:** I will be responsible and accountable for MY attitudes & actions (Galatians 6:7)
3. **Repentance:** I will transform MY heart & mind to be better not bitter (Matthew 4:17)
4. **Renounce:** I will break legal ties, lies, shame and blame from the devil (2 Corinthians 4:2)
5. **Restitution:** I will take steps to rebuild trust (Leviticus 5:14-16)
6. **Restoration:** I will take steps to rebuild broken relationships (Matthew 5:22-24)

### **Our Greatest Fear**

Our greatest fear is not that we are inadequate,  
but that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness, that frightens us.  
We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant,  
gorgeous, handsome, talented and fabulous?

Actually, who are you not to be?  
You are a child of God.

Your playing small does not serve the world.  
There is nothing enlightened about shrinking  
so that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God within us.  
It is not just in some; it is in everyone.

And, as we let our own light shine, we consciously give  
other people permission to do the same.  
As we are liberated from our fear,  
our presence automatically liberates others.

**Discussion Questions:**

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2. Where did the root of this childhood pain and hurt come from?
3. What call to actions do I NEED to OBEY to reach my God given dream and overcome my hurts, habits and hang ups?

**Prophetic community:**

1. Take 90 seconds to ask God, what does He love about the people in your group
2. Take the remainder of the time to share what God loves about the people in your group
3. Have someone close in prayer