

Cleaver VS. SIMPSON

BUSTING THE MYTH OF
THE PERFECT FAMILY

Part 2:
Jesus, His Mom, and Me
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John 2:1-11

¹On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come."

⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water;" so they filled them to the brim.

⁸Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Jesus had a mother who...

1. Stayed close (vs. 1)

2. Was worthy of honor (vs. 4)

Dear Woman = Gracious Lady = Mom

Why do you involve me? = Leave it to me, Mom, I'll take care of it.

3. Saw great potential in her son (vs. 5)

Behold, children are a gift of the Lord,

The fruit of the womb is a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
so are the children of one's youth.

- Psalm 127:3-4 (New American Standard Bible)

Children are: A Gift – property of God that He assigns or shares with parents

A Reward – a tangible expression of God's love

An Arrow – which needs to be...

Drawn (Psalm 51:5)

Directed (Proverbs 22:15 and Proverbs 29:15)

Released (Genesis 2:24)

(Continues on back)

Jesus had a mother who... (continued)

4. Believed in her child but knew when to step back (vs. 5)

5. Stuck with him

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home." - John 19:25-27

On Your Way Home

Make a list of all the ways that your mother has blessed your life.

Group Life Discussion Questions



- 1) Who was your mom most like? Why?
 - a. June Cleaver
 - b. Shirley Partridge
 - c. Carol Brady
 - d. Caroline Ingalls
 - e. Marge Simpson
 - f. Mary, the mother of Jesus
 - g. Marion Cunningham
 - h. Someone else?
- 2) From your perspective as a child or as a mother yourself, what are the greatest challenges a mother faces in the 21st century?
- 3) What can we learn about family from the relationship between Jesus and His mother?
- 4) The Bible calls parents to draw, direct and release our children. Which of the three areas did your parents struggle with the most? How did that affect you?
- 5) How do you give honor to your mother on an ongoing basis?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight