

May 3, 2015
Happy Mother's Day



I want you to take a moment and give a short prayer of thanks for the woman that you think of as “mom.” Now, think about how a mother loves her children. Unconditionally. Unashamedly. Unrelentingly. A mother’s love is often times a wonder to behold. They can look through the mud and the scabs, the broken glass and the broken bones to see their beautiful child. Mothers accept children, loving them, not because of what they’ve done or even for who they are, but because of whose they are.

This is at least part of the reason we celebrate Mother’s Day, to recognize the love that mom gives to her children in all she does. A mother’s love is in fact a great example of the self-sacrificing love that Jesus encourages us to exemplify in our lives. So, today we thank you moms. Thank you for your selfless giving and your courageous love.

Unfortunately we know, sometimes all too well, that not all women can be mothers. We know that sometimes circumstances require a woman to give up a child, some women can’t have kids, and other women choose to give up a child. Because of that, some of us might feel a little bitter about mother’s day, either because of their own perceived failures as mothers, or because of their lack of a mother. Furthermore, we know that even the “good” mothers of today are sinners and therefore make bad calls sometimes when

raising their kids. But, this is precisely why women, both those who are mothers and those who

are not also need a love that accepts them unconditionally, unashamedly and unrelentingly. This is precisely why we as Christians are here, to show that love to the hurting people of the world. Whether they are moms themselves, unable to be moms, unwilling to be mothers or motherless, Jesus’ love is for them.

So today, we remember our moms, the mothers in our congregation, but more than that we remember those who need unashamed, unrelenting and unconditional love, the kind of love that Jesus has for the world. We remember them, and we shine that love to all, letting them know that in Jesus they too are loved unrelentingly and unconditionally. And even more importantly than that, know that you are loved like this by your savior Jesus Christ, because you are his.

Update

Aliyah is doing very well. The doctors told us that she won’t need any surgery for the burns, but that they should heal on their own, probably without even leaving any kind of mark or scar. Amber is doing very well also, as she troops through these last weeks of pregnancy. As for me, I’m blessed. My daughter is well, minus her emotions which are a little touchy right now, my wife is well, and the church I serve is wonderful. As I said, I am blessed. My house on the other

hand, it is a disaster area. One problem at a time
though, one problem at a time. God's peace.

Pastor *Carl H.* 