

## Happy Mother's Day!

**Message Summary:** A mother's love for her children is distinctive and irreplaceable. To watch a child suffer is crushing and almost intolerable for any mom. In this touching scene revealed in three verses, we not only see Mary, the mother of Jesus, at the foot of her Son's cross, we also learn how Jesus cared for His mother. Even from His place of extreme suffering, Jesus was thinking of others and His love for Mary is noteworthy for us.

## To Love a Mother

John 19:25-27

### 1. Brave-Hearted Women Standing at the Cross (v. 25)

- A. His Mother's Sister, Salome
- B. Mary, the Wife of Clopas
- C. Mary Magdalene

### 2. Brokenhearted Woman Suffering at the Cross (vv. 26-27)

- A. A Prediction is Fulfilled – Luke 2:34,35
- B. Compassion is Extended v.26
- C. Provision is Made v.27

#### Application: Four Ways to Love Your Mother

##### **Love Mom verbally**

- 1. "Dear woman" - Term of respect; ma'am
- 2. Say, "I love you"

##### **Love Mom physically**

- 1. Jesus made physical provision for Mary
- 2. Give her a hug

##### **Love Mom patiently**

- 1. Jesus walked patiently through life with Mary
- 2. Motherhood is the toughest job in the world

##### **Love Mom honorably**

- 1. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long"  
(Exodus 20:12)
- 2. One of the Ten Commandments with a promised benefit

## **LifeGroup QUESTIONS:**

BEGIN IT (5min) Praise the Lord & pray that God leads the study.

OPEN IT (10min) What sort of sacrifices did your parents make for you?

EXPLORE IT (60min) Read John 19:25-27 and review the sermon outline sharing comments and questions among your group. Now answer the following questions:

1. From the sermon, what do you remember about each of the persons around the cross?
2. In what ways do you think Mary the Mother of Jesus had her heart broken?
3. How can Jesus' provision for His mother at the cross help you adjust your view of what is important?
4. Have "more important things" sidetracked you from caring for members of your own family?
5. In what way has God's family become your family?

APPLY IT (15min) If you had a chance to live life over again, how would you want your relationship with your parents to be different? How could you pass along these ideas to your children?