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MESSAGE NOTES

### A Mother's Love

2 Timothy 1:5

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#### 1. The uniqueness of a mother's love

### Isaiah 49:15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"

The love of a mother for their child is perhaps the greatest type of love amongst humans. A mother will know their child and care about them more than anyone else can. Fathers strengthen and direct their children while mothers comfort and encourage. God the Father comforts and encourages us through the work of His Holy Spirit.

#### 2. The value of a mother's prayers

# 2 Timothy 1:5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

Mothers have a special calling and mission from God to pray for their children. God has answered the prayers of women for their families in many powerful ways over the history of the church. Mothers have the privilege of passing our faith on to the next generation.

#### 3. The importance of women in the church

## Romans 16:12 Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord. Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord.

The church is God's family. Women have an important role to play in any family. Women were central to the ministry of Jesus. They were central to the work of the early church. And they are crucial in the work and ministry of the church today.

Thank you to all our mothers, wives, sisters and daughters both in our biological families and in our spiritual church family as well!