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The Sermon by Pastor Willie White, Jr.

May 10, 2020

Special Mother's Day Message

“A MOTHER WITH SURVIVAL SKILLS”

Genesis 21: 9-21; & VERSE 14 = And Abraham rose up early in the morning and took bread and a bottle of water and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder and she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

There is a story of a kite that was flying and the kite began to talk to itself. The kite said, "if only I could get rid of this string. If the string wasn't holding me back, then I could fly. I could fly above the clouds. I could fly as high as I wanted to. If I could get rid of this string, there would be nothing holding me back. I'm limited by this string. One day the kite got its wish. The string broke and the kite came crashing down. What the kite did not realize was that the same string that kept it down kept it up. Here in our text this morning Sarah and Abraham cut the string of depending on God, to depending on themselves. My Christian brothers and sisters, whenever we cut God loss we are headed for destruction.

Let's look at verses 9-14

Point 1: Devastation (destruction, damage, grief). Abraham was devastated, when Sarah told him to send the slave girl and her son away. Abraham was hurt, grief kicked in and Abraham was not ashamed to grieve. Expressing grief is an important part of healing. During this Mother's Day celebration, some people are grieving this morning as they think about their mother who has passed on to glory. Some people consider expressing emotion to be a sign of weakness. Let people grieve! At some point you must understand you have a God who cares. The text says in verse 12, God spoke to Abraham. When Devastation comes our way we must pray, then seek to move forward. Not only Abraham was hurt but Hagar also was hurt. The text says in verse 14 Hagar departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. Hagar had a God with her who cared. **A MOTHER WITH SURVIVAL SKILLS**

Grab, Drop & Go Message – “Grab a Sermon, Drop Offering and Go Home” - Coronavirus Pandemic 2019-2020

Let us glean from verses 15-17

Point number 2: Desperation (lost, absent, recklessness). Seek God's help! In times of great stress we are very vulnerable to Satan's temptations. We must seek God's help when we are in a desperate situation. We must pray, seek support of friends and loved ones, and focus on the purpose God has given us. The text says that God heard the voice of the child. Seek God's help!! **A MOTHER WITH SURVIVAL SKILLS!!!**

As I close from the text this morning Let's unpack verses 18-21

Point number 3: Declaration (spoken, announcement, statement). Verse 18 says "Arise lift up the child!" During this Mother's Day Celebration this ought to be our declaration to our children, "lift them up!" A word of encouragement offered at the right time can be the difference between heaven and hell. We must lift each other up! During times like these we need to lift each other up! During time like this we need to lift each other up! Hagar had survival skills because she let God hold the string.

A MOTHER WITH SURVIVAL SKILLS! HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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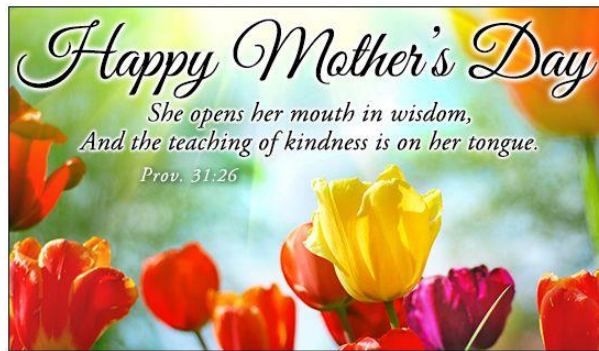
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ANNOUNCEMENTS –SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020



May God bless all mothers! We salute those who are still with us, and we thank God for the love, sacrifice and service of Mothers who have gone to be with the Lord. Today we offer a Siren Salute in memory of those whose lives have been lost to the COVID-19 virus. Special thanks to the Enterprise Police Department under the leadership of Chief T.D. Jones. Let us pray for all those who mourn today.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4 KJV

--Governor Ivey has given approval to reopen some businesses and restaurants, as well as churches.

However, we will continue our current system until the AME Church issues guidance, which the Pastor will pass along to us. In the meantime, please continue to pray, and heed all public directives regarding the **Coronavirus Pandemic**. **STAY SAFE – STAY HOME** as much as possible Stay abreast of the latest directives. www.cdc.gov <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov> www.aarp.org

--Pastor White presents: **"SERMON DASH"**. You may receive a hard copy or a CD/DVD of sermons via text, phone call, e-mail or word of mouth, etc., and we will get the sermon to you.

--Pastor White reminds everyone of our upcoming **131st Church Anniversary Celebration** on next Sunday, May 17. In honor of this great milestone, members are asked to pay \$100 above your regular tithes and offerings. Thank you in advance

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP & SERVE – Check e-mails and text messages for more info.

--TODAY --Noon – **SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE**. Pastor White's message will be shown live on FaceBook. Enjoy other messages and services at church website: johnschapelamec.org

--**MONDAY & WEDNESDAY – Carry-out Meals for Children ages 1-18 here at JC. 11:00 a.m. until 12 Noon. Weekly Feeding Program** Sponsored by Enterprise City Schools and Coffee County Family Service Center. For more info, please contact LauReen McDaniel or Pastor White.

--EACH WEDNESDAY – JC Bible Study via conference call - 7:00 p.m. **Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936**

--EACH SUNDAY – Church School Lesson Summary 9:45-10:10 via conference call. **Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936**

--**JC MEMBERS ARE OBEYING THE LAW AND RESPONDING TO THE CENSUS.** -- Pastor White is asking Class Leaders to please check on all class members to see how they are doing and also inquire if they have completed the Census. If not, please emphasize the importance, and let them know help is available. **Volunteers:** LauReen McDaniel 334-470-1816; Franklin Simmons 334-494-2377; & Marge Simmons 334-477-1962.

The following households have reported that they are ACCOUNTED FOR in the 2020 Census, as required by law and because they are good citizens:

Pastor and Mrs. White & Family	Marion Griffin	Richard & Shelia Robinson & Family
LauReen McDaniel Family	Geraldine Booth	Betty Simmons & Vivian Johnson & Family
Dianne Durdin & Michael Elcock Family	Dr. Russell & Mrs. Helen Nichols	Ruthie Warren & Joe Warren Jr. Family
Constance Jones	Ira "Pat" Brown	Franklin & Marge Simmons
Carlos & Lynette Robinson	Johnnie Sanders & Family	Sam & Hilda Blake
Mack & LaToya Chambers & Family	Vernetta DeRamus	Jimmy & Lois Boykins
Ricky Britt & Family	Dr. Stafford & Mrs. Bessie Thompson	Gay Nell Miley
Bobby & Evadna Moment	Ann & Nikki Mills Family	

23 Households reporting! OUTSTANDING! Updated list with names that "vanished."

If you have completed the Census and your name is not listed above, please let Sister Marge know. If you haven't completed the census, please do so today. Check out the website at www.census2020.gov and encourage others to respond. .

PRAYER LIST Week of May 10-16, 2020

--Sister Eleanor Bailey
-- **Jennifer Bigham – Brain surgery on tomorrow, May 11 in Mobile**
-- Debra D. Brown -Address: 74 Davis Street, Charles Town, WV 25414-
--Sister Geraldine Booth
--Sister Brenda Crawford
--Caiden M. Gary, Grandson of Sis C. Jones
--Sister Annie Pearl Frazier
--Sister Ruby Grayer
--**Sister Dorothy Holmes – In rehab. Doing well.**
--Sister Kim Jackson—Sister of Bro. Golden
--Sister Mable Mays
--Sister Ann McGaughey



--Bereavement – Family of Sister Mattie Mayes – McGaughey & Mayes Families
--**Dr. Russell Nichols—Doing well. Zoom Birthday party this week.**
--Sister Minnie Powell, Mother of Sis. White
--Sister Rosetta White & Brother Willie White, Sr. — Parents of Pastor White
--Sister Johnnie Sanders
--Brother Larry Wilson—Husband of Sis. Shun Wilson
--Sister Eloise Williams
***New entries in bold print**
Remember to pray for and check on our shut-in members.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 12 JiQuiz Copes
May 12 Helen Nichols

May 15 Nikki Mills
May 16 Regina Wright

No Anniversaries on Record this week