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“BUT LORD, YOU WERE
NEVER A MOTHER!”

Hebrews 4:12-16



Can anyone understand?

- Let me show you how Jesus does understand your struggles in life, struggles as a parent...
- I want to show you 4 facts of a good mother, woman, parent.
- Most of these are true of mothers of all ages...

A GOOD MOTHER...

I. Responsible for teaching and training

- A. That unique relationship
- B. With all the unknowns

- Proverbs passages:**
- *Proverbs 1:8* *Proverbs 6:20*
 - *Proverbs 4:3* *Proverbs 10:1*
 - Proverbs 23:22, 25*

- C. So what about Jesus? *Who Understands?*

II. Responsible in spite of weariness, exasperation, despair

- A. Will they ever learn?
- B. Jesus taught, repeated, how many times?

III. Responsible in spite of interruptions

- A. Unpredictable demands
- B. Jesus interrupted, how many times? (*turn to: Mark 6:30-56*)

IV. Responsible in spite of rejection

CONCLUSION:

- So as a mother/parent you can learn from Jesus' example, and in your own relationship with Christ:
 - God doesn't demand your love, but he wants it. He's patient with you more than your patient with your kids (young or grown).
- Jesus was never a mother, but in His life there are many parallels to the frustrations a mother faces. AND, of course He is God, the creator!
- He can help, strengthen, guide, and encourage you.
- Because He cares for you.
- And not just mom's, but everyone here...