

PURPOSEFUL MOTHERHOOD

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BIG IDEA: Observe how Mary parented Jesus, and glean from her how we can be better mothers, fathers, mentors and friends.

Mary. Mother of Jesus.

1. She saw herself as GOD'S SERVANT as a parent.

"I am the Lord's servant. May your word to me be fulfilled." **Luke 1:38**

"Work at everything you do with all your heart. Work as if you were working for the Lord... You are serving the Lord Christ." **Colossians 3:23-24** NIV (Mt. 25:40)

"I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

2. She saw her child as God's gift FOR OTHERS.

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Luke 1:32-33 (Mat 1:21)

"Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." **Luke 2:19**

3. She CONSECRATED her child to God and his purposes.

"When the days stipulated by Moses for purification were complete, they took him up to Jerusalem to offer him to God" **Luke 2:22** Message

4. She experienced PAIN and it was all part of purposeful parenting.

"As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."
Luke 2:35 NLT