

Mother's Day 2018

"One Bold Mama!"

Matthew 20:20-28

A Mother's Heart:

**I. SHE PRAYED THAT HER SONS MIGHT BE A _____ OF THE KINGDOM
(Matt. 20:20-21).**

Mrs. Zebedee gives us a valuable example, for she prayed earnestly that her sons would be a part of His kingdom. We need that same concern for our children. I hope that in the heart of every mother & father here today there is a burden to go to the throne of God & to pray for your children.

Action Step #1 – _____ at least once a day that your child might be the greatest man/woman of God that has ever lived.

**II. SHE PRAYED THAT HER SONS WOULD BE _____ IN THE
WORK OF HIS KINGDOM (Matt. 20:21).**

Where does the spirit of service begin? It begins at home, with mothers & fathers setting the example & praying that their sons & daughters, might be involved in the work of the kingdom - as teachers & leaders, discipling others - that they might be the ones to go out into the world & find the lost - to see that the church continues on until Jesus comes again.

Action Step #2 – _____ your children everyday to be the greatest man/woman of God that has ever lived.

How to prepare our children to be like Christ:

a. Set an example by living like Christ (John 13:12-15)

b. Teach them the Word (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 2 Timothy 2:2).

c. Challenge them by setting the bar high in regards to how they love the Lord and serve Him (John 14:12-14).

III. SHE HAD BIG _____ . (Matt. 20:22)

Action Step #3 – _____ God to do big things to and through your kids and then praise Him when you see it happen.

Unpacking and Applying the Word

Read Matthew 20:20-28

1. What was this woman's great concern for her sons? How does this differ from what most parents desire most for their kids?

2. Stop now and pray that your kids would be so much more than successful in school, sports, etc. Pray they would be the greatest man/woman of God that has ever lived.

3. How does praying the above prayer change your perspective as a parent as to what is important in the lives of your children?

4. In what ways have you prepared your children to be a part of Christ's Kingdom work? What examples have you set or lessons have you taught?

(See John 13:12-15 and 2 Timothy 2:1-2)

5. Jesus set the bar high in regards to what He expected to see God do through the disciples (see John 14:12-14). How can you communicate to your children that you have set the bar high for them, but that they are not alone in this pursuit of Christ?