

***Theme for 2018***

**WE ARE THE ARMY OF GOD &  
WE ARE ARMED AND DANGEROUS!**

*“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)*



***This Week’s Thought – May 13, 2018  
Happy Mother’s Day***

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*“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.” 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV)*

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Every God-fearing mother and grandmother can give the gift of faith to her children and/or grandchildren. It is a gift that keeps giving to those in the path of its influence. Like the ripple effect of a rock released onto the surface of calm water, so faith deposited in tender hearts swells touching other souls. A mother and grandmother’s position garners trust for the purpose of giving Christ’s love. Their unique role is a righteous responsibility that reaps faith’s fruit in her children and children’s children.

As a mom you invariably want what’s best for your children. You want what’s best in their walk with the Lord—for them to love and follow Christ all the days of their life. You want what’s best in their friendships—for them to enjoy the company of the wise and not be led astray by fools or foolishness. You want what’s best in their education—for them to have academic opportunities that lead to a successful career. You want what’s best in their relationships/marriage—for them to spend a fulfilling life of purpose with a spouse who loves God, who is romantically attractive and who is their best friend.

Most of all, moms who want what’s best for their children, first pray for God’s best. God’s best may not be the easiest or smoothest route for your children. Mature faith is not developed in a life of comfort, ease and security—but in discomfort, challenges and uncertainty.

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Pray for your children to be needy for the Lord—not you. Total abandonment and dependence on Jesus is the place you hope those you love will want to abide. Mom, pray for God’s best and trust Him with the rest.

*“It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy.”* Romans 9:16 (NIV)

**Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Thank you Lord, that You fill a mother’s heart with love. That You have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if at all possible. Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching them, of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place for them. For guiding them to be all that You have created them to be.**

**Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance, with strength and patience and joy. Give them ability to forgive again and again and again. Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”**

*“And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what’s coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn’t lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It’s on its way. It will come right on time.”* Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King