

HEART OF A SPIRITUAL MOTHER

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So many in our world are desperate to know real, authentic love and are largely unsatisfied.

Exodus 2:1-4

Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when **she saw that he was a fine child**, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him.

- A mother's heart sees the shine that others miss.

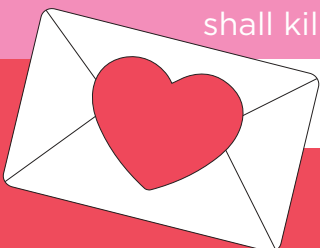
Exodus 2:5-6

Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter,

- A mother's heart makes space for the lost.

Exodus 2:15-21

Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives



feared God and **did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them**, but let the male children live. So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and let the male children live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

- A mother’s heart takes risk on behalf of those who are defenseless.

A spiritual mother shows the love of Jesus.

- He saw the shine in those who were overlooked.
- He came to seek and save the lost.
- He gave His life on behalf of the defenseless.

1 Corinthians 4:14-15

I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Mom Guilt: the feelings of guilt/shame some women feel for not living up to their own or others’ expectations in their role as a (spiritual) parent. It’s like an internal dialogue that tells you you’re failing as a caregiver.

- When you fully know and receive the love of Jesus as His daughter, you are free to step in to be a spiritual mother to anyone in need.

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

→ You are not empowered by expectations from the world, but by the spirit of God.

If you are in Christ, you now have no fear of any condemnation because of your standing in Christ. That means that even though you might feel condemned, you are not condemned. You are not condemned by the cleanliness of your home. You are not condemned by a lack of desire to be a homeschool mom. You are not condemned by any and all of your personal sins. You are not condemned by a knowledge that sometimes it's easy to love some of my kids more than others. You are not condemned by loss or miscarriage. You are not condemned by a lack of a desire for more children. You are not condemned by an inability to cook like everybody else. You are not condemned because divorce is in your past. You are not condemned by your desire to simply get away and be alone. You are not condemned by shape or condition of your body. You are not condemned by failures as a mother. You are not condemned by not being good at devotions at home. You are not condemned by the behavior of your rebellious children. You are not condemned by your frustration to once again scrape mac and cheese of the wall and floor. You are not condemned by your fear and tears which sometimes make you feel insanity and despair. You are not condemned by not being able to throw a party like all the other moms. You are not condemned by not feeding your kids meals that came from Whole Foods. You are not condemned for working outside your home. You are not condemned for working inside your home. You are not condemned by your need for a vacation. You are not condemned by living up or not living up to your mom, grandma, mother-in law, any other mom. You are not condemned by the stares of everyone else who looks at your kids with disappointment. Keep seeing the shine. Keep speaking the shine. Keep making space. Keep reaching out to those who are defenseless. **Live and walk in freedom of a daughter of Jesus Christ.**

