

“MAMA USED TO SAY!”

SER5040, WOMEN WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE, PT1

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(HOOK) Mama Used To Say (Play Song)

Let's begin with a question, shall we?

- What're some things that your mama used to say? You know one of the best things that my mom ever told me was this, “Keep playing and imma take that phone and car away.”
- Now, some of you may laugh but one thing I believe is that mothers are gifts from God that He uses to help shape us, especially us men.
- But most importantly without the Godly knowledge of a woman we wouldn't be here today.

PROVERBS 1:8 tells us, “Hear, my son, your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.”

But before we dive into anything else, Let us Pray!

So, as you can see this right here is my mother, Daiimah.
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Yes, she is my mother! **(Go into story/Illustration)**

My mother was born and raised in North Philadelphia. She is a University of Pittsburgh graduate and a graduate of

Saint Joseph's University. She is an administrator for the Philadelphia School District and is an owner of a venue and party rental business based in Philadelphia.

But one thing that's most important about my mother is that she puts Christ in all aspects of her life.

As I was preparing this sermon, I had to strongly keep our focus of the month in mind. And as I was writing this, I said, "What woman do I know that has made a difference in my life?" My answer was, "Who else but my mother."

Now as I was pondering this, I began to explore what woman in the Bible can I use in reference to my mother.

And I thought why not use the mother of the King, Mary.

You see one thing I realized about Mary was that throughout her life she remained faithful to the Lord despite the many hardships that she was faced with.

For example, Mary had to push Jesus out of his comfort zone right before he started his ministry.

(BOOK)

TURN YOUR IN BIBLES TO *JOHN 2:1-5*

It reads: (Show Slide)

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and His

disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to Him, "They have no more wine." ⁴ "Woman, ¹ why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

Now that's one of the most unapologetic moments of motherhood. And I know every mother in here has done that at some point.

You know completely disregarding what your kid says and making them do what you want them to do.

This reminds me of my mother so much, now let me say my mom is from North Philly, so our situation is a bit different!

ILLUSTRATION: I remember a time when my mother ...

My mother was the kind of mother to push me out of my comfort zone when she knew it was best for me.

That sounds a lot like Jesus' mother, and it sounds a lot like Jesus.

- When Jesus wants us to do something He gives us a push

ILLUSTRATION:

- When Jesus wants us to do something He gives us the wisdom

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- When Jesus wants us to complete a difficult task, He works through his children to point us in the right direction.

ILLUSTRATION:**(LOOK) GOING BACK TO THE VERSE:**

Not for a moment did Mary forget to tell Jesus about His value and purpose. And God did not allow Him to forget the value and purpose of His mother, either.

In **Luke 11:27** (Slide) it says:

As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you."

My mother never ceased to remind my sister and I about our existence and service to God.

And for that, just like Jesus, I grew to love and respect my mother as the Bible tells me.

As a young man I have grown to know that a woman and a mother serve a special place when it comes to the word of God.

Proverbs 31:25-27 (Slide) says:

²⁵ She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.

²⁶ She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

²⁷ She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Growing up my mother kept Jesus as a forefront in our house.

- Church attendance was required and if we did something wrong it was increased. LOL!

NOTE: Mother didn't take away what was needed, she gave us more of it.

- She'd pray for our safety through our travels.
- Prayer at dinner was a tradition.
- She made sure that the Bible was being poured into us.
- But most importantly, she reminded us to always trust in God.

ILLUSTRATION: Lupus

Lupus is a chronic (long-term) disease that can cause inflammation and pain in any part of your body. It's an autoimmune disease, which means that your immune system — the body system that usually fights infections — attacks healthy tissue instead.

My mother has not been faced with a major lupus outbreak in 4 years. And by the Grace of God, she is healthy.

- When my mother was faced with this long-lasting disease, she felt defeated, it hurt her heart, and she was frustrated.
- But one thing she said was “I’m trusting in God through all of this”

I know a lot of us here today need to be reminded of that.

- I know it may seem like everything is coming crashing down
- I know it may seem like the world is out to get you
- I know it may seem like Satan is attacking you at every front
- I know it may seem like God isn’t listening

But understand that God is working in every situation that you are going through, whether you realize it or not He is there!

This reminds me so much of Mary, think about it.

Mary knew that she was going to be a witness to all the horrid and gruesome things that would happen to her Son. Imagine that:

- Watching your son be convicted of a crime He did not commit.

- Being a witness to his beating, thrashing, and whipping.
- And then watch Him be crucified on a cross carrying the sins of every human on earth. That's a huge weight!

But the amazing thing about all of this is that through it all, her trust remained in God.

The song writer Andrea Crouch wrote, “

I've had many tears and sorrows,
I've had questions for tomorrow,
there's been times I didn't know right from wrong.
But in every situation,
God gave me blessed consolation,
that my trials come to only make me strong.
Through it all,
through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God.
Through it all,
through it all,
I've learned to depend upon His Word.

You see God uses people in our lives to help us with our relationship with Christ and a lot of times that person, as in my case, was my mother.

As a child my mother always reassured me that God's will is the ultimate will for me. It was through her comfort and teaching that I would have to realize to always rely

on God. I can say it's one of the reasons I'm in ministry today—my mother's influence.

In life we try to do many things our way and during that we forget that God desires full control. And my mother was the constant reminder that He should have that place in my life.

When my mother gave birth to me, she was a bit on the younger side. Fresh out of college and 22.

Much like Mary my mother's pregnancy was not the easiest journey.

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But once again *through it all* my mother relied on God for her safety, peace, and blessing from God.

Luke 1:44-45 (Slide) says this:

⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Since our sermon title is, "Mama Used To Say," I know one thing that my mom used to say to me was, "*You have an anointing over your life and God is using you every step of the way.*"

I literally never fully understood what that meant until I became an adult.

God puts us on this earth to fulfill his purpose so we can change the lives of other people.

When you love the Lord, people are bound to see Him in your walk of everyday life. The biggest thing that my mom taught me that I desperately needed to know is that my faith and behavior would be the things that get me closer to God and that people can see God through me if I live my life right through Him.

And because of my mother:

- I know to have faith in God
- I know to rely on God through my battles and victories
- I know that God has my best interest when it comes to my life
- And because of my Mother I know that I have value and purpose.

Now I believe that it is safe to say that for most of the men in here, “It has taken a mother or a woman of importance in our lives to keep us on track.” **(Show Slide)**

We would like to send a personal thank you to all the women in here who have sacrificed countless hours to make sure that as men we live right in the eyes of God. **(Round of Applause)**

God truly works through you, ladies, to influence and shape the world in which we live.

(TOOK)

My experience, all 21 years, LOL!, is that women shape the world for the better or for the worse.

There are the Jezebel's (Queen of Israel and wife to King Ahab) who influence husbands and children to lives in opposition to God's word.

Or, there are the Mary's, and the Daiimah's (my mom), who strengthen the backbone of men to live a life pleasing to God. Furthermore, it is their prayers that keep husbands and sons on the straight and narrow.

Recall what PB said last week, "*Prayers have no dispensation.*" Whether your mother is on earth or in heaven, her prayers are at Heaven's Altar, working in your behalf.

INVITATION:

Those of you who prayed with me today and **received** Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, please fill out the **Welcome Card** you received when you came into the Sanctuary and check the box that says FTD. Place it in the offering baskets as you leave the Church, or better yet, see me at the close of the service and I'll give you a Bible.

Those of you watching [online](#) who prayed with me, please ...

TEXT: *Pray* to 856.861.4144

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