Portrait of a Godly Mother

Heartbreak to...
Humility to...
Hope to...
HONOR!

- ✓ Her perspective: heartbreak (1:1-5)
 - She couldn't get pregnant
 - She shared her husband with another woman
 - She was constantly harassed by the 'other woman'
 - She received no help or sympathy from her insensitive husband

Exodus 4:10-11

¹⁰Then Moses said to the Lord, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?

Ecclesiastes 7:14

¹⁴In the day of prosperity be happy, But in the day of adversity consider — <u>God has</u> made the one as well as the other so that man will not discover anything *that will be* after him.

Isaiah 14:24, 27

²⁴The Lord of hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand,

²⁷"For the Lord of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate *it*? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"

Isaiah 45:6-7

⁶That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that there is no one besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, ⁷the One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; <u>I am the Lord who does all these</u>.

John 9:1-3

¹As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. ²And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

- ✓ Her perspective: heartbreak (1:1-5)
- ✓ God's plan: humility (1:6-16)
 - Philippians 2:5-8
 - > 1 Peter 5:5-7

Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

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- ✓ God's plan: humility (1:6-16)
- ✓ God's purpose: hope (1:17-18)
 - > Romans 4:17; 5:3-5
 - > Romans 8:28-29, 37-39

Hebrews 6:19

¹⁹This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,

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"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." C.S. Lewis

"It is often in our darkest times that God makes His presence known most clearly. He uses our sufferings and troubles to show us that He is our only source of strength." Elizabeth George

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 Proverbs 3:5-7

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil."

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- ✓ Her pursuit: *God's honor* (1:19-2:10)
- ✓ God's promise: *joy & peace*Galatians 5:22-23

 ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

- ✓ **Grab hold** of the truth: God is in control & has ordained this situation (Isaiah 14:24)
- ✓ **Thank God** for this & every difficulty (1 Thess. 5:18)
- ✓ **Forgive** the offender, not verbally but to God (Mark 11:25)
- ✓ **Ask**: "Lord, how can I obey you right now in this situation?" (John 14:15, 21)
- ✓ **Ask**: "Lord, what are you trying to teach me? (Romans 8:28-29; Deut. 29:29)

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- ✓ God's promise: joy & peace
- ✓ God's prerequisite: *relationship*John 14:6

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."