

PRINCIPLES OF
A GODLY
MOTHER

1 SAMUEL 1:1-28

PERSPECTIVES ON MOTHER'S DAY

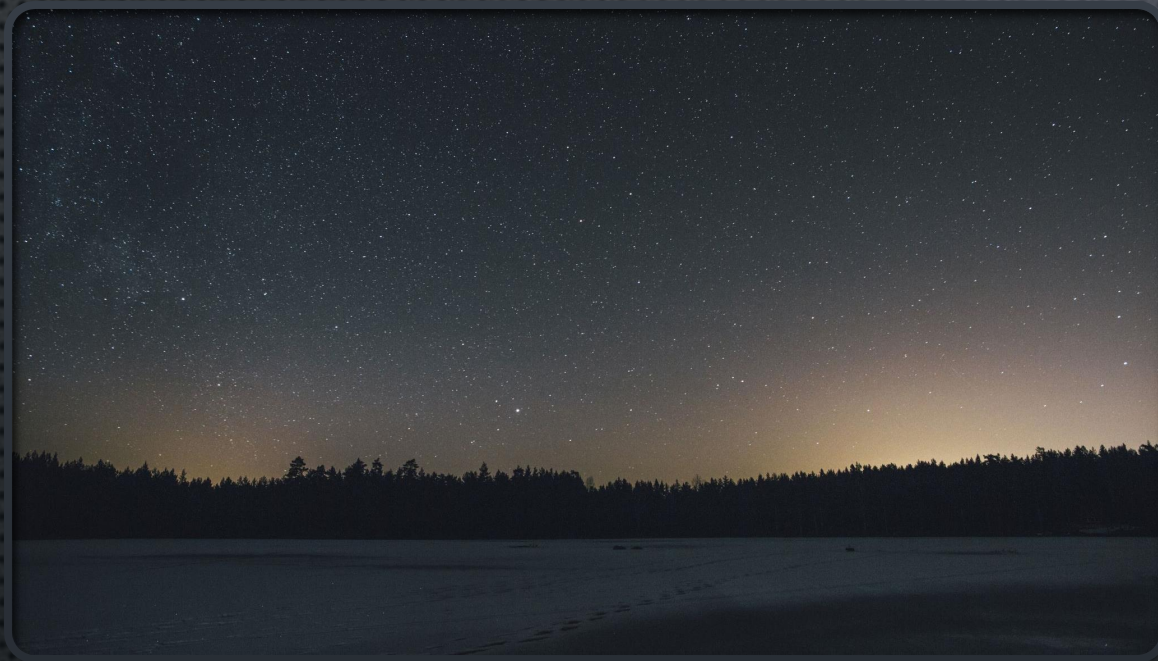
1. INFERTILITY
2. LOSS OF A CHILD
3. LOSS OF A MOTHER
4. GOODBYE VIA
FOSTER/ADOPTION
5. REALITY OF AN ABORTION
6. SINGLE PARENTING
7. STRAINED RELATIONSHIPS
8. HEALTHY/JOYFUL RELATIONSHIP

EPHESIANS 6:2

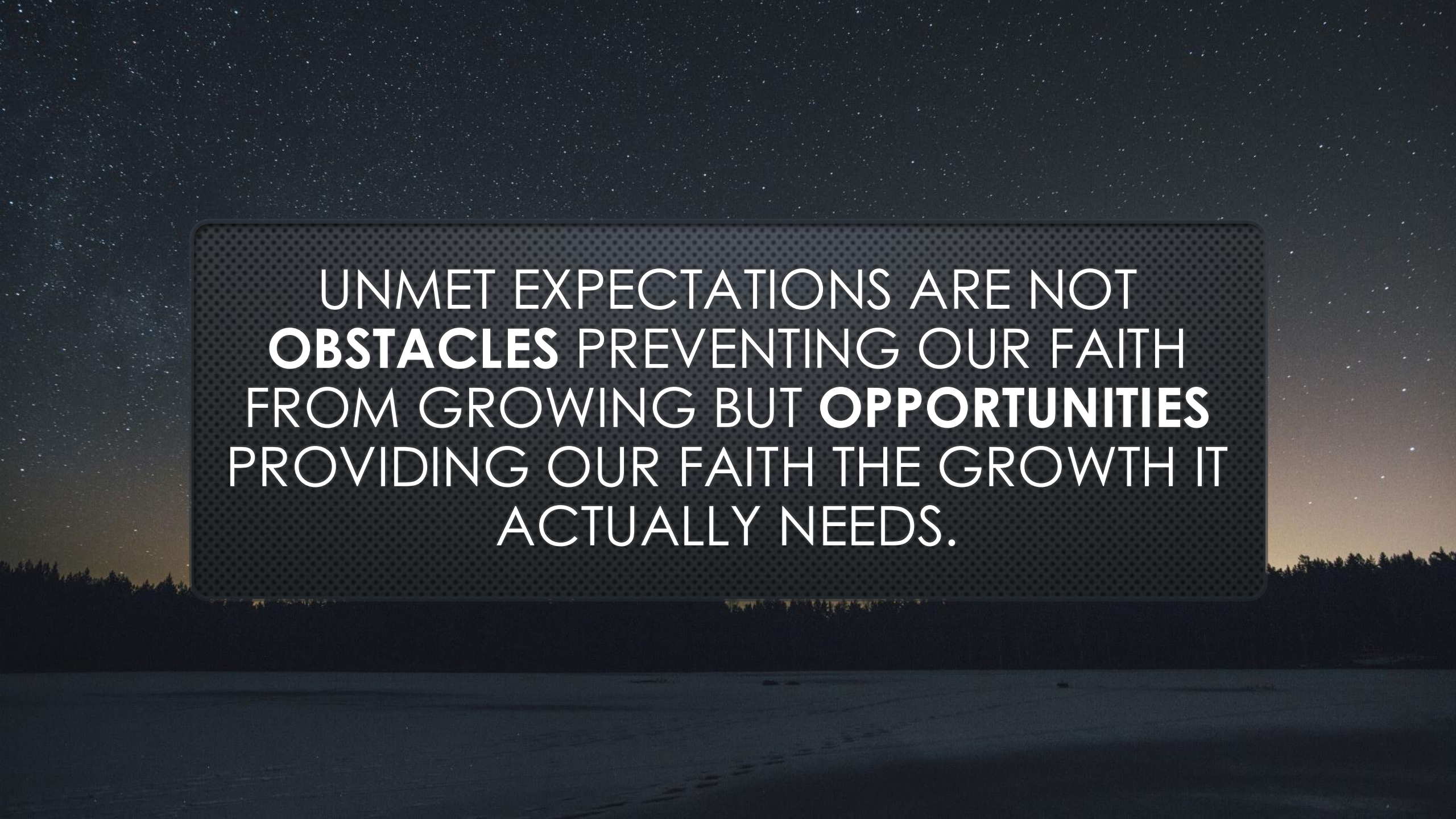
*"HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,
THIS IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT WITH
A PROMISE."*

A night sky filled with stars, with a dark foreground showing a silhouette of trees and a body of water. A central text box with a dotted pattern contains the text.

THE DARKEST NIGHTS
PRODUCE
THE BRIGHTEST STARS



DESPITE THE DARKNESS SHE
FELT, HANNAH'S STORY GOES
FROM GRIEF TO GRACE,
FROM LOSS TO LIFE,
FROM PAIN TO PRAISE



UNMET EXPECTATIONS ARE NOT
OBSTACLES PREVENTING OUR FAITH
FROM GROWING BUT **OPPORTUNITIES**
PROVIDING OUR FAITH THE GROWTH IT
ACTUALLY NEEDS.



GODLY MOTHERS EXPERIENCE
GREAT PROBLEMS

1 SAMUEL 1

PROBLEM 1

SHE WAS MISSING OUT ON MOTHERHOOD.
vv. *1,2,5,6* (LORD)

PROBLEM 2

SHE WAS MISTREATED. vv. 5-7 (PENNINAH)

PROBLEM 3

SHE WAS MINIMIZED. vs. 8 (ELKANAH)

PROBLEM 4

SHE WAS MISUNDERSTOOD. vv. 9-14 (ELI- PRIEST)



PAUSE AND
REFLECT



CAN YOU RELATE?

- DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE MISSING OUT ON SOMETHING GOD SHOULD HAVE ALLOWED?
- HAS THERE BEEN MISTREATMENT RECENTLY?
- DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOUR PROBLEMS ARE MINIMIZED BY PEOPLE AROUND YOU?
- DO YOU FEEL LIKE PEOPLE SIMPLY MISUNDERSTAND YOUR SITUATION?



GODLY MOTHERS KEEP GREAT PRIORITIES

1 SAMUEL 1

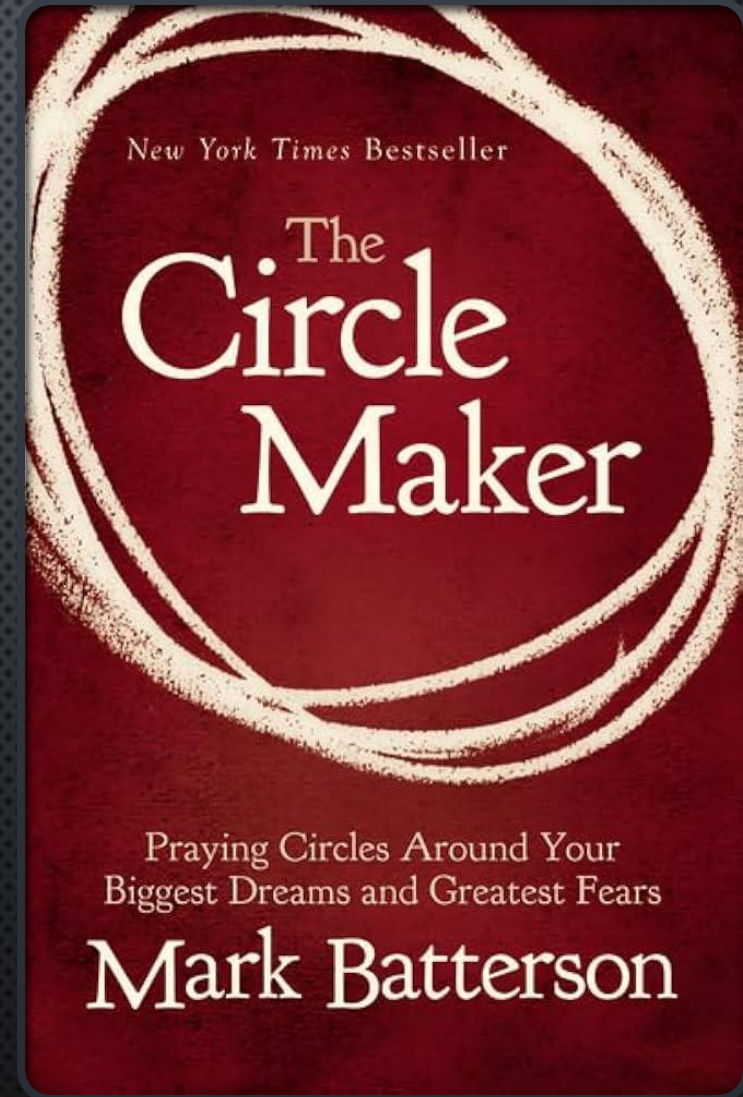
PRIORITIZE WORSHIP. (VV. 3, 19, 28; 2:1)

- SHE WORSHIPED AND SACRIFICED WHEN IT WAS HARD.
- SHE WORSHIPED AND SACRIFICED WHEN SHE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE IT.
- SHE WORSHIPED AND SACRIFICED WHEN HER PRAYERS WENT UNANSWERED.

PRIORITIZE PRAYER.

- SHE PRAYED PASSIONATELY. (vv. 10,15, 16)
- SHE PRAYED PERSISTENTLY. (vs. 12)
- SHE PRAYED PRAISINGLY. (Ch. 2:1)

HOW TO GROW YOUR PRAYER LIFE?





GODLY MOTHERS
MAKE GREAT PLANS

1 SAMUEL 1

WHAT DO GREAT PLANS LOOK LIKE?

- GREAT PLANS HONOR GOD. "O LORD OF HOSTS"
- GREAT PLANS SERVE GOD. (vs. 11) "SERVANT" 3X
- GREAT PLANS ARE DEVOTED TO GOD. (vs. 11)



TAKE HOME TRUTHS

1. TRUST GOD WITH YOUR PROBLEMS.
2. PLEASE GOD WITH YOUR PRIORITIES.
3. HONOR GOD WITH YOUR PLANS.