

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

TODAY'S VERSES:

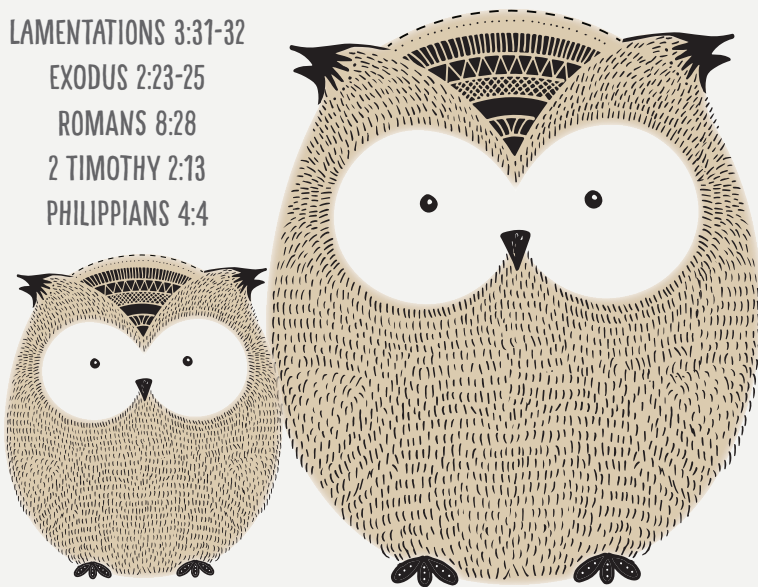
LAMENTATIONS 3:31-32

EXODUS 2:23-25

ROMANS 8:28

2 TIMOTHY 2:13

PHILIPPIANS 4:4



INTRODUCTION

While Mother's Day should be a time of celebration and appreciation, it can remind others of hurt, frustration, and loss. Each of us faces hardship in certain areas and seasons of our lives, and it is important to know how to frame those experiences in light of the Gospel. Jesus knows us and truly empathizes with our suffering in a way no one else can. While He does not promise us an easy, comfortable life (John 16:33), He does promise us that He has overcome and will be with us always (Matthew 28:20). We may be tempted to believe that God is not good when we face difficult times, but the character of God is steadfast and unchanging--He is good and defines what is good for us. By surrendering our own desires (no matter how good) for His, we can learn to trust Him as we face the uncertainties of life.

DISCUSSION

What do you appreciate about your mom?

If you are a parent, what do you appreciate most about being a parent?

EXPLANATION

What unmet desires do you have in your life (Where is your life different from how you'd ideally want it to go)?

How do you act/feel when life doesn't go your way?

What desires do you need to surrender to Jesus?

APPLICATION – READ LAMENTATIONS 3:22-33

How do you think your definition of "good" differs from God's?

MISSION

How do we remind others of the goodness of God?

Who do you know that is grieving/suffering that you could love and comfort?

How can we, as a community centered on the gospel, support you in that?

