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Happy belated Mothers Day to all of the wonderful mothers who have made tremendous sacrifices in the care of their families and the raising of their children.

The mothers of this generation are facing tremendous challenges unlike mothers have faced at any other time in the history of the United States. Certainly throughout the history of the United States mothers have been challenged by the hardships of life such as famine, disease, financial crises and war, but never have mothers faced the moral challenges that now permeate our society. Moral relativism (philosophy where there are no absolute rights and wrongs) has corrupted nearly everything sacred in our society. It has invaded our schools, our churches, our homes and today one of the least respected roles in our society is a mother who is married to a man, who loves her husband, loves her children and teaches her children that there are absolute rights and wrongs based upon the Judeo Christian principles of the Bible.

We desperately need godly mothers and godly women today who understand their role as Christian women and will commit their lives to being women of God and not get caught up in the political correctness and culture of the day.

In the book of Ruth we read the story of a young women (Ruth) who was called a "virtuous woman." Ruth was a Moabite. In the culture of Moab they worshiped many different gods. She was not a Jew; in fact the Moabites were the enemies of the Jews. Ruth made a decision to go against the political correctness and culture of the day and do something that would change her life forever and change an entire nation and even the world. Ruth left the country of Moab and went to Bethlehem where she forsook the culture of Moab and accepted the God of Israel and worshiped Him as the one true God. Ruth arrives from Moab as a stranger to Bethlehem. Being from Moab she has no idea where to start. God providentially directs Ruth to a field that is owned by Boaz, a wealthy bachelor of Bethlehem. Things are about to change for Ruth. Her life is about to take a dramatic turn. God is about to honor and bless Ruth for her right choices and her commitment to follow Him.

Boaz, who is a Jew, notices this Moabite woman out in his field. They begin a relationship that leads to Boaz marrying Ruth. Ruth

conceives a child. The child's name is Obed who would become the grandfather of King David. Boaz and Ruth become the great grandparents of King David and if you follow the lineage of Christ you will notice that it goes through Boaz and Ruth, through King David and ends with Jesus Himself. God used Ruth the Moabite woman who dared to defy the culture of the day to be a part of the Godly line of believers that would eventually bring the Savior.

The entire course of history was affected because one young woman made one right choice that at the time seemed to others to be the wrong choice. A time when the cultural trend was going in the opposite direction Ruth stepped out on faith, placed God first in her life and God blessed her life and the lives of future generations because of the right choice to be spiritually correct instead of politically correct.

The Bible says in Proverbs 31:10, 28, "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." We today arise up and call Ruth blessed because of her faithfulness to God. Little did she know when she risked it all to leave Moab and go to Bethlehem that God would use her to bring the lineage of Jesus Christ who would save the world from their sins.

Mothers, little do you know that through your influence may one day come a Billy Graham or a Fanny Crosby. Never ever underestimate the power of a godly, virtuous woman.

For the mother who thinks she is an underachiever, unappreciated, and constantly stressed out by the tasks of caring for her household, take heart; one day those children will arise up and call you blessed, not because of your great example of political correctness or moral relativism, but because you provided a foundation of morality and virtue that was based on the moral absolutes of the Judeo Christian principles.

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