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Week 5 | What is the most underpaid job in the world? | Pastor Allen Jessee

Big Idea

Moms are a gift! Our lives are better because of our moms, family members who fill maternal roles, and people in our lives who love us at our best and at our worst. It's a job that no one does based on the pay, but anyone who is a mom knows the great reward that the job brings.

Let's Talk

1. Fan the flame - Difficult situations will come for all us (we talked about this at length last week), and being a mom is going to put you in difficult situations as you care for other people. We can see these experiences as an opportunity for fear or an opportunity for faith. How can you (as a mom or as a person leading others) use the gifts God has given you? How can you grow in power, in love, and in self-control?

2. Fear - Fear can hold us back from taking ground even when we know God is calling us out. The people of Israel were in a holding pattern for 40 years because of fear. When Joshua leads the people of Israel into the Promised Land, he reminds them "do not be afraid. Be strong and courageous" (Joshua 1:9). God was with them then, and He is with us now. How would your life be different if you lived from a place of strength and courage?

3. **Honor -** How do we honor our moms? Honor is not an idea that we talk about much in our current culture, but there is power in honoring those who have loved us and made a way for us over the years. How can you honor a mom in your life this week?

Reflect & Respond

Being a mom can be a thankless job at times. No one enters motherhood thinking it's a ticket to an easy life, but we are all better because of the love and sacrifice of our moms. Take time this week to honor those around you who have been there for you in the good and bad times. Celebrate with someone, let them know how much their efforts and influence have meant to you!