**Qualities of a God fearing Mother**

John 17:1-26 (NKJV) Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. 6"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. 9"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. 12While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. 14I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. 20"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. 24"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Read John 17 (which is found in your bulletin). When you read this passage what ideas immediately jump out at you? Write them down in the space provide.

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"Motherly" qualities in Jesus' life and prayer:

1. She takes no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or praise for herself. (vss. 1, 4-10)
2. She understands the basis of her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vss. 2-4)
3. She wants you to have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God, just like she does (or should) and is your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to this end. (vss. 11-17)
4. She understands that a time will come when she must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill your purpose in life and in God (and releases you to do so). (vs. 18)
5. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for you and leads by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 19)
6. She wants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to know God through what God has done in your life and through her life. (vss. 20-22)
7. She doesn't \_\_\_\_\_\_ the Father and his commands but helps you to see the Father's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vss. 23-26)

Final thoughts:

* Whether you had a God fearing mother or not, mothers are God’s gift to us. He used them to get us on the planet. He used her to teach and nurtured us.
* We’ve learned a lot through our mother’s successes and her failures. God uses imperfect people to fulfill his plan. (There was only one perfect person who ever lived.)
* What do you feel like the Lord is saying to you today from this message? What are you going to do in response? God will give you grace (divine enablement) to obey his voice so, listen for the voice of God today and follow his lead.