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## THE POWERFUL EXAMPLE OF A MOTHER



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It was Thanksgiving when the neighborhood drunk stumbled by our house and fell into our yard. Mom snapped into action. She quickly found a peach basket, took it outside, turned it upside down and somehow pulled him up on it. She weighed about 95 pounds. He was a larger man.

She then came inside got a plate, filled it with some of the holiday meal we had and took it out to him.

We watched out the window as all this was taking place. I was somewhat disgusted with the scene. You know.... 'why did he have to fall into our yard' was gnawing at me. It was not until many years later that I wrote Mom a note to thank

her for teaching me compassion, and mentioned that experience. No official lesson; yet it had great impact on this impressionable young teen. But that was Mom. A bowl of soup to a sick neighbor. Visiting hospitals and nursing homes. A loaf of bread there A tube of toothpaste here. A bag of treats there. Offering fruit and candy for the children who came around.

A few years ago, when speaking at a Dallas event, Anne Graham Lotz asked a rather stunning question: “Are you really a Christian? Or are you masquerading as one?” Oh, my word! Now that’s a question that goes right to the heart of things. It was immediately unsettling. The temptation is to quickly defend a position. That’s what I was tempted to do. Instead, I took it as a call to examine myself yet again. Later that evening, in the quietness of my own surroundings, I took it to Jesus as I had often done in the past when Mom would ask the same thing: “Are you sure you are a Christian”? He gave me assurance through His Word.

Several snapshots come to mind: Mom sitting in the yard, teaching a Bible story to children in little wooden chairs. They were looking up at her with such rapt attention. At that moment, I prayed I would forever keep that photo in memory.

From Mom’s actions many life lessons were ‘taught’ and many more were ‘caught’. She lived what she believed! Always with an expressed concern for the souls of those who she approached. “Do you know the Lord Jesus?” she would ask. Mom recognized the voice of the God, and obeyed.

Because of her consistency, that same man, who she picked up on our lawn, later commented, “Mrs. Fisher is the godliest woman I know.” I still didn’t quite know what to make of it then, but now, in these more ‘mature’ years, just as the Word says, “I rise up and call her blessed” (Proverbs 31)! I’m so grateful that God chose her to Mother me. That He gave me a Mom who was a powerful example to me and to others, of the Love of God. That on so many occasions, His Voice was the loudest voice in her life. No, she wasn’t perfect...she would be the first to say that, but because she did believe God, she went about the business of being His.

Oh how I wish I had that deep sensitivity to the Spirit’s leading. I pray this for each reader, Recognize His voice. Respond with obedience. Honor His presence among us, and lead others to saving faith in Him.

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**THIS MONTH'S VERSE FOR MEMORY/MEDITATION:**

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

**Proverbs 31:30**

**MAY PRAYER FOCUS**

Thank God for the gift of Mothers. Pray for mothers; single mothers and mothers of wayward children. Pray for women who desire to be birth mothers but struggle with infertility. Ask God how you personally can bless a mother in your life this month.