

The Rollercoaster Ride of Motherhood

Points to Consider

1. The Wait
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The Wait

Heb 13:4 *Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.* NKJV

1 Cor 6:18-20 *Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.* NKJV

Col 3:5-7 *Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.* NKJV

God expects everyone to wait until they are _____ to start having children.

Gen 21:1-7 Sarah had a long _____ before she had Isaac. Rebekah, Rachel, Hannah and Elizabeth all had long waits before they had children.

Luke 1:23 Most mothers wait anxiously and _____ for the arrival of their baby.

The Ride

Gen 4:10-15 Eve went from the joys of having two productive sons to having a dead son and a _____.

Gen 21:4-11 There was great _____ when Isaac was born, but that joy turned to anger when Ishmael scoffed at a party to honor Isaac.

Gen 25:21-28 Rebekah's motherhood rollercoaster started with a long wait followed by a _____ pregnancy.

The boys were born healthy, and each found their comfort zone.

We find that this rollercoaster ride had a slight twist; Rebekah loved Jacob _____ than she loved Esau.

Gen 27:5-10; Gen 27:42-46 Rebekah's journey as a mother went from having her favorite son receive the blessing she wanted him to have to having to send Jacob away _____ for his life.

Judg 13:3-5 *And the Angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. 4 Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean. 5 For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son.*

And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines." NKJV

1 Sam 1:10-11 *And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish. 11 Then she made a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head." NKJV*

1 Sam 1:23-28 *So Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him. Only let the Lord establish His word." Then the woman stayed and nursed her son until she had weaned him. 24 Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord in Shiloh. And the child was young. 25 Then they slaughtered a bull, and brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, "O my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to the Lord. 27 For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. 28 Therefore I also have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord." So they worshiped the Lord there. NKJV*

Hannah's rollercoaster ride included leaving her son with Eli. Hannah _____ God more than she loved her son.

1 Kings 1:15 *So Bathsheba went into the chamber to the king. (Now the king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was serving the king.) 16 And Bathsheba bowed and did homage to the king. Then the king said, "What is your wish?" 17 Then she said to him, "My lord, you swore by the Lord your God to your maidservant, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne.' 18 So now, look! Adonijah has become king; and now, my lord the king, you do not know about it. 19 He has sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the sons of the king, Abiathar the priest, and Joab the commander of the army; but Solomon your servant he has not invited. 20 And as for you, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, that you should tell them who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21 Otherwise it will happen, when my lord the king rests with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be counted as offenders." NKJV*

Bathsheba _____ up for her son to make sure David kept his promise to make Solomon king.

The Rest

The rest comes in _____ moments all along the ride. Enjoy those moments.

Heb 4:6-10 *Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, 7 again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts." 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. NKJV*

For all people final rest doesn't come until we are united with the _____.