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But you excel them all.”*

QUICK REVIEW

1. Read Luke 10:30-37. The lawyer who was testing Jesus recognized at the end of the parable which character in the story was merciful. He recognized the place for compassion. Why is it easier to recognize needs than it is to do something about them? What does this say about our faith? Can we truly have empathy without taking action?
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1. What is a favorite memory you have of your mother? What do you, or did you appreciate about your mom? Share a life-lesson that she has taught you.
2. Instead of honoring the moms/women in our lives only once a year, what are some ways that we can live in constant respect and honor for them that makes them feel valuable, appreciated, utilized and thought of throughout the year?

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1. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. What does this passage mean for moms today?
2. Read Luke 2:50-52 and then read Luke 2:19. Two times when Mary was overwhelmed by the fact that she was the mother of Jesus, Luke says that she ‘treasured all these things in her heart’. What overwhelms you about Jesus to the point that you hold them in your heart and think about them often?
3. Read Deuteronomy 24:19-21, Psalm 146:9 and John 19:25-29. What are the responsibilities to our mothers?
4. For some (in your Life Group?) on Mother's Day, contending with grief is a stark reality. As a group, pray that they are touched by Love on this special day; that through the pain, their burdens are seen and shared; that their losses are honored and that healing takes place. (see Romans 12:15)

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1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
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