**"*Moms Who Make An Impact*"**

**Luke 1:46-55 - May 12, 2019**

*How can moms make an impact?*

**Luke 1:46-48**

1) They Do So, As They Exalt The Lord

Do you declare God's greatness?

Do you make His Name great?

*"*...*my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior"*. When it becomes personal, it takes it to a whole different universe!

He's my Lord/King. He's my brother, my friend. He's the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe. He's the Prince of Peace, the Giver of Life (joy +hope!). He's the Source/Cause/I Am/All-N-All and the Summation of *all* things... He's Jesus!

Moms if you want to have an impact, then learn from His mom how to exalt Him - in front of your kids, your spouse, your family... As well as with those who are around you.

**Luke 1:49-51*a***

2) They Do So, As The Honor The Lord

When we focus on the characteristics/attributes of God, it comforts, assures and strengthens us - as it honors, magnifies and glorifies Him.

There's something about focusing on Him and Who He is, that thrills our soul.

Yet so often, people will settle for a 'small g' god, who they're comfortable with (idolatry).

It's amazing how people come-up with their own renditions of God; we know how He feels about that, as it made #1 on His list of ten.

The danger we all face in our thoughts about God, is that we tend to recreate God in our *own* image of Him rather than seeing Him as He's revealed Himself in Scripture.

Neglect, or life's struggles, can cause us to recreate God in our own image.

Moms you can make an impact as you honor God for Who He actually is.

**Luke 1:51*b-53***

3) They Do So As They Caution Others Concerning The Lord

**1 Pet.5:5*b*+6 & James 4:6 \*Luke 1:51*b-53***

"*God pickles the proud* *and preserves the humble*."

Self-reliance and self-applause can have their place, but it can't be ­a prominent place if we are going to pursue Christ.

Let's model humility as we caution others to maintain an attitude and position of humility.

**Luke 1:54+55**

 4} They Do So As They Help, By Giving Hope In The Lord

We can see in this final passage how Mary's heart-cry gives hope to God's people in every generation, as He's going to 'help' them. **\*Vs.55**

 God's people are blessed in every generation because of His mercy. **\*Vs.54**

This gives us hope!... And how we need hope in our difficult times.

*"There are no hopeless situations, there are only people who have grown hopeless about them."*

Perspective is critical in life; let's keep our eyes on Him moms (as well as the rest of us), so we can make an impact by giving hope in the Lord no matter what life hands us,