

Favorite Proverbs

Proverbs 1:8-9; 31:26

5/9/21

How did God speak to you in Sunday's message on God's Love?

POINT: Get Wisdom; Gain Life; Give Life!

1. Read Proverbs 1:8-9. This opening statement on the heels of an introduction (1:2-6) and significant programmatic statement (1:7), means what? Discuss your ideas.

2. Why are mothers unique "influencers" in the life of a child?

Talk about the abiding and indelible impact of your mother on your life. Share a mother's lesson or example that has shaped your life.

3. Compare translations in v8 of "your mother's *torah*"; discuss any distinction, in your experience, between the discipline of your father and the *torah* of your mother.

4. Compare translations of Proverbs 31:26. Here is my translation with the key words *torah* and *hesed* shown:

She opens her mouth [speaks] with/in wisdom;
and *torah-hesed* [= instruction (*torah*) of steadfast love (*hesed*)]
is on her tongue

What does Prov 31:26 tell us about the character of a mother, perhaps the mother-child bond, and the distinctive nature of a mother's heart that is featured in this verse?

Read Isaiah 49:13-16. Consider that the Lord's character, the cause for joy in v13, is captured with the metaphor of a mother's love.

5. Mothers and fathers are vital to the influence of godly wisdom in the home and the lives they touch. How can we be more intentional and deliberate about our influence on others?