

4Ws for Week 19 (13-19 May 2024)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

(If there are first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)

Suggested icebreakers:

1. A Fond Memory

What is a fond memory you have of your mother?

2. Inner Strength

What was the last experience that had made you a stronger person?

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Encourage members to allow the Holy Spirit to minister through them by sharing words, visions, tongues and interpretations of tongues.)

Suggested worship songs:

- 1) God Is For Us – City Alight
- 2) Starlight

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Pastor Melissa Quah

Scripture Passage: 1 Kings 3:16-28

Sermon Title: A Mother's Love

Introduction

The Bible portrays the profound love of a mother, providing us with a deeper understanding of God's love for us as His children. A godly mother relies on God's love to nurture her child. What does it mean for a mother to demonstrate her strong maternal instinct for her child? A true, loving and godly mother would:

- **Fights Relentlessly** and
- **Sacrifices Selflessly** for her child, no matter the cost.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. How can we relate to the story of a mother's relentless appeal to the king?

A1. The mother took her case all the way to the highest court in the land (1 Kings 3:16) and fought relentlessly for the return of her son (1 Kings 3:22). Often, we overlook that the battles we encounter for ourselves, our children and our families are fundamentally spiritual.

The supreme authority to whom we must appeal is God, the King of kings. Just as the mother did, we must persistently bring our petitions before God. Victory is attained through unwavering prayer on our knees.

Q2. How do we relate to the king's order to divide the child into two halves?

A2. We draw parallels with the real mother's selfless sacrifice for her child when she pleaded for the child's life as the king proposed dividing the child between the two women. Permitting a division in

our marriage is akin to harming our child. We must fiercely defend our child(ren) by relentlessly fighting for our marriage. The ultimate gift we can offer our child(ren) is the security that comes from a strong and loving marriage.

Application Questions

Break into smaller groups, share, pray and minister to one another.

Q1. Mothers, what spiritual battles are you currently encountering? (Feel free to adjust the topic to better reflect your cell's circumstances.)

Q2. Parents, what personal sacrifices have you made for your children thus far?

Q3. Share an experience that deepened your understanding and appreciation of God's love.

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on *edification, equipping and evangelism.*

- 1. Build on the momentum of all your outreach efforts** - continue praying for your pre-believing friends and family, connect with them, and invite them to your Cell and our Weekend Services.
- 2. Consolidation of new believers** – Diligently pray for and reach out to your friends and family who have decided to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, guiding and helping them grow in the faith.

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