

WHAT HAVE YOU BIRTH LATELY

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MOTHER'S PAIN

- Jabez Mother
 - Little is known about her history or circumstances
 - We see that whatever she was going through, it was manifested in the naming of her son
 - Jabez means “Pain” or “Sorrow”

PAIN

- Hannah's Pain
 - Longed for a child
 - Barren in comparison to her husbands other wives
 - God closed her womb (verse 5)
 - Irritated and ridiculed

PAIN

- Common Link between are two passages of scripture
- A Mother whose life was pain and passed on to her child with his name
- A barren woman longing to go through the pain of childbirth and bring joy to her husband and quiet the naysayers
 - Could Hannah transfer her pain to a child, if the Lord opened her womb
 - What do you think?

WOMEN/MOTHERS

- Mothers are the first teachers of a child, the fiercest protector, and knows no limits when it comes to the needs and concerns of a child. I mean mothers have had to witness the actions of their children who society hated, condemned, put down and in some instances sentenced to death, all to say that's my child and they love him or her. A mother is so precious, they are celebrated and even as Jesus was dying, he paid honor to his mother and cared for her wellbeing by instructing his disciple "Behold thy Mother". If our Lord and savior can cherish the woman whom brought him into the world, then I am wondering what is wrong with the world we live in today.

WOMEN/MOTHERS – IMPORTANCE

- Mothers are so important, that our human race depends on it. Without mothers we wouldn't have a continuation of the human race, we wouldn't have the next doctor, the next lawyer, the next president, the next best-selling novel, the next cure for cancer, the next invention to propel us into space, the next pastor/preacher, but we also could do without the next dead beat dad, the next baby mama drama, the next Kim K tape-not that I saw it, the next gangsta, the next in line for a prison number, the next serial killer. Mothers play a role in the destiny and future of the society we live in and not to add any pressure it's a matter of life and death.

WOMEN/MOTHERS – SCRIPTURAL PAIN DEFINED

- Genesis 3:16
- *To the woman he said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."*
- Pain Number 1
 - Child Birth
- Pain Number 2
 - Desire for her husband(Hebrew meaning of the word desire = longing or some believe rule over)
 - Some commentaries suggest that this will be a source of disappointment because the woman would look to the man to provide for her needs spiritually, physically and emotionally and when the husband fails it will create a problem

BIRTHING PAIN INTO THE WORLD

- We see in our scripture in Chronicles that Jabez and the name his mother gave him was a reflection not of the pain experienced in child birth, but the pain she felt in her life probably from being a wife in a society where many wives were common, and the fact that her life was already in contention with the role of her husband pronounced at birth and made the declaration to the world that her son was to be known as “sorrowful”.
- How would sorrow function in a world already full of pain, already faced with despair, in a nutshell he would fit right in all because his mother saw no hope, couldn't see the goodness of God, a mother who saw the world as death as opposed to life.
- We see Jabez being birth with a handicap in his name and faced with functioning in a world with a name like sorrow.

• HOW COULD A MOTHER DO THIS TO A CHILD?

- What do you think were the causes of her Pain?

HANNAH'S SORROW AND MINISTRY FAILURE

- On the opposite end we see in our other passage of scripture we see Hannah desiring a child, desiring to please her husband, not allowing the tensions she had as a woman prior to ever conceiving, and that her desire was to be a mother.
- Priests/Ministers Failure
 - However, we see that the world perceived her desire as a negative and that even the good reverent doctor, the priest could not pronounce good things and said that she was drunk.(1 Samuel 1:12)
 - If it I never saw a failure in ministry I see it in the verse above.As a minister we are too be in tune with God,be in tune with the Holy Spirit, discerning and instead of comforting this woman in the moment of her pain and in crying out to the lord we see the priest the very one who suppose to stand in the gap pronouncing negativity as opposed to a blessing, we see pain multiplied as opposed to relief.

WHAT HAVE YOU BIRTH LATELY (MEN AND WOMEN)

- Men cant have babies(thank god) – human race would be extinct
 - Men can birth the next president, next mayor, the next doctor with their words, there presence and by honoring mothers whom they decide to leave a seed with
- Women
 - Despite good intentions and bad days or problems we have personally, our children and others around us are affected and unless we check our attitudes and check our feelings, and come to peace with who God is and what he has for our lives we are destined male or female to birth something into this world that will be a source of sorrow.

THE ROLE OF PRAYER AND BIRTH

- We see that Jabez although intended to bring sorrow and function in a world of negativity was more honorable than his siblings, that Jabez was a man of prayer who sought the Lord to change his destiny or pronouncement of evil
 - 1 Chronicles 4:9-10
 - Prayer broken down
 - It asked for blessings.
 - It was a prayer for prosperity
 - It was a prayer for God's guidance
 - It was a prayer for safety and purity.

THE ROLE OF PRAYER AND BIRTH- CONT'D

- Hannah's Prayer and Promise
 - 1 Samuel 1:11
- Product of a Positive Prayer
- We see Hannah's son becoming the last of the judges before moving into the time of the Kings, we see that prayer in being manifest in the child Samuel
 - What did Samuel do of significance?
- He modeled what a servant of God was to look like in his dress and in his service

WHAT HAVE YOU BIRTH LATELY

- What have you birth my sisters and I am not talking about your physical children?
- Have you birth some hope into the world with your words about Jesus to your family, your co-workers, and friends?
- Have you birth some honor into world?
- Have you birth a pronouncer of Kings?
- Or Have you did the opposite?
 - Something of sorrow
 - Something of disappointment
- You ask how, by the very things you speak
 - Proverbs 12:18