

A Mother's Aspirations

Matthew 20:20-23

For most of us here today, we might speculate on this: “where would I be without my mother?”

The influence and aspirations of a mother runs deep within the lives of her children. Thomas Edison once said of his mother:

I did not have my mother long, but she cast over me an influence which has lasted all my life. The good effects of her early training I can never lose. If it had not been for her appreciation and her faith in me at a critical time in my experience, I should never likely have become an inventor. I was always a careless boy, and with a mother of different mental caliber, I should have turned out badly. But her firmness, her sweetness, her goodness, were potent powers to keep me in the right path. My mother was the making of me. The memory of her will always be a blessing to me.

—Thomas A. Edison (Tan, P. L. (1996). Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations: Signs of the Times (p. 845). Garland, TX: Bible Communications, Inc.)

Among the disciples of Jesus, were two brothers, James and John. Their mother, Salome, was also a close follower of Jesus Christ. One day, as Jesus' earthly ministry was not far from a conclusion, she approached the Savior on behalf of her sons and made a special request. We find her request recorded for us in Matthew chapter twenty. For the next few minutes, I want to talk to you about **A Mother's Aspirations**, from Matthew 20:20-23.

#1 - She Wanted Her Sons To Be A Part Of Jesus' Kingdom

She came to the Lord, asking that her sons might be a part of His Kingdom. I can think of no more important task of mother-hood than that - to seek to ensure that your children are a part of the Kingdom of God.

#2 - She Wanted Her Sons To Be Actively Involved In The Work Of His Kingdom

#3 - She Had Big Expectations