Mother's Day | May 14, 2023

Summary

We are at our best when we use our God-given five senses to influence each other with the love and truth of God.

Scripture

Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! Psalm 34:8 (NLT)

O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying, for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past-- stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders. -Psalm 78:1-4 (NLT)

How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. -Psalm 119:103 (NLT)

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." -Isaiah 30:21 (NIV)

One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left. -Matthew 19:13-15 (NLT)

And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these." -Mark 12:30-31 (NLT)

Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, and he healed everyone. -Luke 6:19 (NLT)

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. -Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)

But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume. Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God.... -2 Corinthians 2:14-15 (NLT)

So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. -2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. -Hebrews 11:1-2 (NLT)

Let's Start

What is a special memory you have of your mother?

Gratitude and Prayer

How did God work in your life since the last time we were together?

Let's Talk

- 1. Pastor Dale talked about how moms—and other people—can influence the five senses (taste, touch, sight, smell and hearing). Look at the verses referenced and discuss how they apply to our Christian life.
- 2. Where do you get your nourishment?
- 3. Have you experienced love and care from someone who leaves a lingering sweet aroma? Describe your experience.
- 4. How can we show God's love with touch?
- 5. Are your words pleasing to the ear? Are you listening for God's voice?
- 6. How can we consistently see the world through God's eyes?
- 7. Can you think of a time when you were influenced by someone exhibiting one of the five senses?

Let's Act
What can you do this week to let your mom (or another person) know you love her?

8. Moms often have a significant influence on our lives. Who has been a significant

influence in your life?