

**WHAT WOULD MOM TELL ME TO DO WHEN...
WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS SERIES**

EXAMPLES OF GODLY MOMS...

- Lois and Eunice... Timothy's mother and grandmother (*2 Timothy 1:5*)
- Monica the mother of Augustine of Hippo.
- Katie the mother of Martin Luther
- Susanna Wesley was the mother of John and Charles Wesley.

You **cannot underestimate the power of a mom's influence** godly or otherwise in a person's life.

WHAT WOULD MOM TELL ME TO DO WHEN...

1. GOD TELLS ME TO DO SOMETHING

What do you when you believe God is calling you to do something?

Jesus said to them, 'Come follow me...' So Simon and Andrew **immediately** left their nets and followed him. **Mark 1:17-18 (NCV)**

What would mom tell you to do? Here's how the Bible answers the question.

I made haste, and I did not delay to keep Your commandments. **Psalms 119:60 (MEV)**

One great biblical example of this is Jonathan and his armor bearer. Listen to this story...

So it came to pass on the day of battle that... the garrison of the Philistines had marched out to the ravine of Mikmash... **1 Samuel 13:22-23 (MEV)**

Jonathan said to the young man bearing his armor, "Come, and let us cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. **Perhaps the Lord will work for us.** For the Lord is not limited to save by many or by few." **1 Samuel 14:6 (MEV)**

His armor bearer said to him, "Do all that is **in your heart.** Turn yourself, *and I will be with you according to your heart.*" **1 Samuel 14:7 (MEV)**

Then Jonathan said, "Now we will cross over to *these* men, and we will reveal ourselves to them." **1 Samuel 14:8 (MEV)**

"If they say to us, 'Wait until we come to you,' then we will stand still in our place, and we will not go up to them." **1 Samuel 14:9 (MEV)**

“But if they say, ‘Come up to us,’ then we will go up, for the Lord has delivered them into our hand, and this will be a sign to us.” **1 Samuel 14:10 (MEV)**

Once Jonathan senses God was speaking to him, he begins to act on it. He didn’t charge right it, but he was ready to... he was all in from the beginning.

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2. WHEN I HAVE TO MAKE A BIG DECISION

Wise people think before they act; fools don’t—and even brag about their foolishness.
Proverbs 13:16 (NLT)

- **GET RIGHT WITH GOD FIRST!**

The Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. **Micah 6:8 (NLT)**

- **ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR GUIDANCE!**

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him. **James 1:5 (HCSB)**

- **CHECK THE FLESH!**

But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) **Romans 8:9 (NLT)**

SOME BIBLICAL EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

- **Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1)**

- **David at Ziklag (1 Samuel 30)**

- David, too, was in anguish. Some of his men talked about stoning him because they were so bitter about their families being taken. But David took comfort in the Eternal One, his True God. **1 Samuel 30:6 (Voice)**

He called for the priest, Abiathar, son of Ahimelech, and instructed him to bring the priestly vest, which he did. **1 Samuel 30:7 (Voice)**

David (to the Lord): Should we pursue these raiders? Can we catch them? **Eternal One:** Go after them. You will catch them, and you will certainly rescue your families. So David set out with his 600 men. **1 Samuel 30:8 (Voice)**

David recovered everything that had been taken, including his two wives. Nothing was missing—from the smallest thing to the greatest *treasure*, none of the sons or daughters, no property of any kind. David brought everything home.

1 Samuel 30:18-19 (Voice)

What both of these examples have in common is that they show people who had big decisions thrust on them, but who weren't clear on what they should do. In both cases these men take it to God and wait for clarity before acting.

Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. **Proverbs 4:26 (ESV)**

What would mom say if I had a big decision to make? Seek guidance from God and wait on Him to direct you.

Closing

Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you. **Exodus 20:12 (NLT)**