

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

May 14, 2023 ~ 9:00 AM

In the Sanctuary or Parking Area

Message: ***IN THE RING WITH THE DEVIL***

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MOTHERS AND CROSSES

"There by the cross stood His (Jesus') mother."

I have nothing but praise for mothers like mine who had to join the work force so we could enjoy the necessities of life with a little fun thrown in. She came home and took the role of mother and father and did her best. I praise mothers who have to work to support their families and come home to more work.

What bothers me is how some women today who do not need to work but look down at stay-at-home mothers and magnify the negatives of being a wife and Motherhood does cost. It always has and it always will.

Mothers forever stand by the cross. You must go up to the edge of death to bring a baby into this world and you must die daily to bring a baby up right in this world. I thank God for the women who bear this cost proudly and do not put themselves above their families.

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BEING CRITICISIZED

"We respond gently when bad things are said about us." {1 Cor. 4:9-13}

An old man and his grandson, were walking down the road leading a donkey. Some people said, "Look at that. Both of them are walking,

when one of them could be riding. The grandfather put his grandson on the donkey. Some saw it and said, "That lazy kid is riding when he should let his grandfather ride." The old man got on the donkey. Some saw it and said, "That poor kid has to run to keep up with that donkey." They left the donkey behind and some people said, "Look at that. Those crazy people just walked off and left a perfectly good donkey. Two morals if this are:

(1) You will never please everybody, and (2) if you try to do anything worthwhile, say anything or be anything, you will be criticized. The easiest thing to do is criticize. I know exactly why Clemson missed the playoffs. I know exactly what "Dabo" did wrong and what he needs do. *{If I did I'd make the big bucks.}*

It is easy to see why we do this. It comes from pride. When we criticize, we put a person down and that puts us "up". My grandmother told me, "Bobby, if you don't have something good to say about someone, don't say anything." If I could talk to heaven, I would say, 'Nana, I'm still working on that.'

"There is so much bad in the best of us, and so much good in the worst of us, that it is best for none of us, to talk bad about the rest of us."

"You can't throw mud and keep your hands clean."

"Receiving criticism well is the acid test of true humility."

Home from church, the father said the sermon was too long; the mother said the choir sang too low; the sister said the church was too hot and the little brother said, "I think it was a pretty good show for two dollars."

{Google Teddy Roosevelt's quote on "The Critic."}