## MARVELOUS MOTHERS IN THE BIBLE

(Hebrews 11:23-27)

INTRODUCTION - One youngster said, "I don't understand it.

Mom says that she's tired, but I'm the one who has to take a nap."

# 1. HANNAH - looked at motherhood as a gift from God.

(1 Samuel 1:8-11, v19-20) "called his name Samuel ... I have asked for him from the Lord" (Genesis 4:1) "I have acquired a man from the Lord" (Psalm 127:3) "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord"

### 2. JOCHEBED - taught her child to love God above the treasures of a king's court.

(Exodus 2:2-10) Pharaoh's daughter finds Moses, and Jochebed is chosen to be a nurse to Moses for 40 years in Pharaoh's house.Results of Jochebed's teaching is found in our text: (Hebrews 11:23-27)

### 3. RACHEL - raised her son to resist temptation when no one was present.

(Genesis 39:9) "how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" Godly thoughts promote self-control and self-discipline.

# 4. NOAH'S WIFE - instilled in 3 sons principles of right living in a perverse world.

(Genesis 7:13; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:5) "eight souls were saved" (1 Peter 4:4) "they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation ("excess of riot") speaking evil of you." (Deut. 32:46) "Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe ... " (Proverbs 29:15) "but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother"

## 5. MARY, MOTHER OF JOHN MARK - she put the church first in her home.

(Acts 12:5) "constant prayer was offered for him by the church" (v12) "he came to the house of Mary ... where many were gathered together praying."

I hope my house may be known for a gathering place and a place for prayer.

#### 6. LOIS AND EUNICE - taught their children the Word of God.

(2 Tim. 1:5) "the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your other Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also."(2 Tim. 3:15) "from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures ... "Children are more apt to follow a parent's example than a parent's advice.

# CLOSE - teach the children by following the example of these mothers in the Bible.