



Finding Your Song in Your Sorrow



Three Moms, three Kids

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know fully. 1 Corinthians 13:12.

Mary, Elizabeth, and Samson's mother were three pregnant moms who had experienced angelic appearances. Angels bore glorious prophecies to these women regarding their children and themselves as being favored and blessed mothers. Mary, your son will be called the "Son of the Most High" and will inherit the "Throne of David." Elizabeth, your son will be the Messiah's forerunner in the spirit and the power of Eli-jah. Samson's mother, your son would be set apart as a Nazarite to God.

So much joy, rejoicing anticipation, and celebration they must have experienced! Miracles and angelic appearances surrounding their births! My sarcastic, grieving-mother side wants to say to the angelic messengers, "Oh, and you forgot to mention, 'and Mary you'll see your son brutally crucified' and 'Elizabeth your 30-year-old son will be beheaded' and 'Samson's mom your son will commit suicide.' Why didn't you tell them that?" One son *gave up* His life, one son's life was *taken from* him, and one son *chose to take* his own life.

Did the angels have it wrong? Did the beautiful plans and prophecies go awry?

Because it is Biblically and historically recorded for us, we can see some of the "bigger picture" of their stories. Samson the "Nazarite Judge" was used to bringing about the death of thousands of Israel's enemies and acquire peace for Israel. John the Baptist's ministry needed to decrease so Jesus's could increase. Jesus needed to die so that I could experience salvation and have the hope of seeing my child again in heaven. Yet, God allowed each of these honored moms to suffer these horrible losses, including His own son's mom - she may have experienced the worst - losing 2 relatives, John the Baptist and Jesus.

Mary was warned in her prophecy, "a sword will pierce your own soul" (Luke 2:35). Did she remember this as Jesus's side was pierced by the centurion? Did Sampson's mom remember that the prophetic angel's name was "Wonderful" (Judges 13:18)? We certainly don't have the bigger picture, moms, but there is one and I'm looking forward to its revelation.

I was given a prophecy before Josiah was born by a preacher, not an angel. I'd have a boy and his name would be Josiah. Josiah, in the Bible, began his reign at eight in Israel and is known as the "boy king." What a strange way that played out!!



Discovery Dialog with your Composer:

You may not have had prophecies regarding your child, but you certainly had dreams that were shattered by their death. Write them here. What does God say about these unfulfilled dreams? Isaiah 55:8,9

Prayer:

Lord, I don't understand "the big picture" but I desperately trust that there is one. As in Heaven, let it be on earth.

Selah:

Today, I submit to God's will over my will.

