The blessing of godly mothers

Philippians 2:19-22 (ESV) 19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. 20 For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. 21 For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22 But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.

2 Timothy 1:5 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

Three generations:
Lois
Eunice
Timothy

Paul built on this legacy.

Three questions:
• What kind of memories will my children and grandchildren have of me?
• Do I want my children and grandchildren to imitate my spiritual life?

Will they want my Jesus?

Jesus was a place of safety for women

Samaritan woman at the well.
John 4

The woman caught in adultery.
John 8

The woman with the issue of blood.
Luke 8:43

Mary Magdalene, delivered from seven demons.
Luke 8:1-3
The woman and the alabaster flask of oil. Matthew 26:10.

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Two of his best friends were women, Martha and Mary.
Luke 8:38-42

The woman rejoicing over the lost coin.
Luke 15:8-10

The persistent widow and the judge.
Luke 18:1-8

**Female hosts of the gospel**

Lydia, a businesswomen trading in expensive clothing material.
First convert in Europe.
Philippian church planted in and from her house.

**Acts 16:14** The Lord opened Lydia’s heart*
Lydia gave birth to the work of Christ in her town and continent.

- **Female evangelists and sponsors**

- **Romans 16:1-2** Phoebe, wealthy sponsor of Paul’s mission work.
Delivered the letter to the Romans.
Was a leader (deacon) in her local church.

Theodoret of Cyrrhus (393-460) writes, “[Paul] opened the world to her and in every land and sea she is celebrated. For not only do the Romans and Greeks know her, but even all the barbarians.”

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**The blind hymn writer**
What song is waiting to be released through you?

God’s favor is for all of us

Luke 11:27-28 27 As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” 28 But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”