

My daughter Tina is a juggler who admits that she sometimes feels like resigning, but she's learned where to go with her struggle. Here's how it began.

One morning Tina woke up with the I-can't-juggle-it-all feeling and started to panic. Reaching for pen and paper, she began recording some spiritual "first aid," such as: "God is not stressed-out. God is not frustrated. God is not exhausted. God is not confused. God is not panicking."

After listing what God is not, she began listing what He is: "God is relaxed. God's timing is perfect. God has continuous energy. God is in control. God knows everything." Then she wrote, "This God is living in me. He is working through me." By the time she wrote those words, Tina's panic feelings had flown. Before she had a chance to say, "God, I want to resign," she realised that He wanted to renew her strength.

Are you a juggler needing God's first aid for your soul? Guided by today's Bible reading of Isaiah 40, ponder the Lord's limitless attributes. Then let Him renew you. --JEY

*I look to Thee in every need
And never look in vain;
I feel Thy strong and tender love,
And all is well again. --Longfellow*

**Because God cares about us,
we can leave our cares with him.**



MOTHERS' DAY, 2020

Burned-out Jugglers

Read: Isaiah 40:25-31

Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. --Isaiah 40:31

Today's wife, mother, and home maker is a professional juggler. She balances home, church, and community responsibilities, and often runs a family taxi service.





Our Home

A Good Mother

(Philippians 3:17) Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

We choose 6 New Testament mothers who are, in some way, a good role model:

1. Mary: a woman of _____,

Luke 1:26-38, 45-55, 2:17-19, 33, 51

(Philippians 2:14) Do all things without complaining and disputing,

(Philippians 2:8) And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

(1 Peter 3:4) rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.



2. Salome: a woman of _____, Matthew 20:20-22, 26



(Mark 15:40) There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were .. Salome,

(Mark 16:1) Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

(Philippians 2:3) Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

3. Mary (#2): a woman of _____,

Matthew 27:55-56, 59-61, 28:1

(Mark 15:40) There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome,

(John 19:25) Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

(Luke 8:2-3) and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities; Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, [3] and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance.

(Luke 24:10) It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles.

(Romans 12:1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

4. Mary (#3): a woman of _____,

(Acts 12:12) So, when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying.

5. Rufus' mother: a woman of _____,

(Romans 16:13) Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

(Mark 15:21) Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross.

(Mark 10:29-30) So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, [30] who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time; houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.

(1 Thessalonians 2:7) But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.



6. Eunice: a woman of _____,

(2 Timothy 1:5) when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

(2 Timothy 3:14-17) But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, [15] and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. [16] All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(Acts 16:1-3) Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. [2] He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. [3] Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek.

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