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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SHALLOTTE  
MAY 2020

## CHURCH EVENTS

### MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

MAY 10 | 11AM

Streaming Worship Service Honoring Our Mothers—[fbcsballotte.org/live](https://fbcsballotte.org/live), Facebook & YouTube Live, Call 425.436.6327 Access Code 206404 (Audio Only)

### FRONT LINE WORKER TRIBUTE SERVICE

MAY 17 | 11AM

Streaming Worship Service Paying Tribute to the Workers on the Front Line of Covid19 Crisis—[fbcsballotte.org/live](https://fbcsballotte.org/live), Facebook & YouTube Live, Call 425.436.6327 Access Code 206404 (Audio Only), Tell Us About Someone You Know Working Hard During this Crisis (ie doctors, EMS, law enforcement, teachers, etc) at [fbcsballotte.org/frontline](https://fbcsballotte.org/frontline), be sure include a picture of them (preferably of them working).

### BAGS OF HOPE MINISTRY

Distribution of Groceries to Those In Need. Sign Up to Help or Let Us Know of Someone In Need at [fbcsballotte.org/hope](https://fbcsballotte.org/hope)

### FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

MAY 17 | 6PM

Gather Your Family for a Fun Night of Trivia with Other FBCCS Families—Sign up at [fbcsballotte.org/trivia](https://fbcsballotte.org/trivia)

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 7 | 7PM

Special Virtual Prayer Gathering for the National Day of Prayer. Sign Up at [fbcsballotte.org/prayer](https://fbcsballotte.org/prayer).

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE

JUNE 7 | 11AM

Recognizing Preschool, Kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, College and Post-Graduate Graduates During This Special Worship Service. Sign up your graduate at [fbcsballotte.org/graduate](https://fbcsballotte.org/graduate). Be on the lookout for Our High School Seniors' Brochure with Details on How You Can Support our Seniors!

### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

- SUNDAY SCHOOL

Learn more at [fbcsballotte.org/small-groups](https://fbcsballotte.org/small-groups)

- WORSHIP SUNDAYS AT 11AM

[fbcsballotte.org/live](https://fbcsballotte.org/live), Youtube, Facebook or Call 425.436.6327 Access Code 206404 (Audio Only)

- DISCIPLELIFE CLASSES

WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM

Learn more at [fbcsballotte.org/small-groups](https://fbcsballotte.org/small-groups)

- PRAYER GROUP

THURSDAYS AT 7PM

Contact Your Sunday School Teacher or Don Evans to Join.

# The Queen's Speech:

## Reminders for Moms in a Crisis

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II typically reserves her remarks to the nation for Christmas, and in the 68 years since Elizabeth ascended to the throne of England, she has given only five special broadcasts to the nation. But on Sunday, April 5, she reached out to her country in a video to offer encouragement during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The video opened with a calming scan of the pristine grounds of Windsor Castle, where the Queen and Prince Phillip had isolated themselves since March as the virus began to spread throughout England. As of Saturday, April 4, the illness had taken more than 4,300 lives in the U.K.

In the video, she's a bit starchy, but otherwise warm, poised, and friendly, in a simple green dress and pearls, like anyone's grandmother who stopped by on a Sunday afternoon to visit and to give sound, uncluttered advice. And though she is in a room trimmed with the benefits of royalty, based on responses in social media her short message connected with people of all stages of life and all economic statuses. And even in many countries.

But why? Why did most people respond with such favor toward the Queen's speech? Because it shows leadership, and as a leader, she connects. Could it be that comes more from her experience as a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother than it does from her role as a monarch?

Mom, did you know that motherhood is the most important leadership role you will ever have?

A pandemic is scary, and your kids are probably still grappling with what all the fuss is about, why schools closed, and when they get to see their friends again. That little hunk of energy is watching you and listening to you every day. From boo-boos and band aides to the stock market bottoming out, moms teach their kids how to respond in a crisis.

So here are four lessons you can glean from the Queen's speech, and not so much from what she says as from what she conveys. She illustrates leadership for all of us, but especially, right now, for moms. When your kids look to you, convey these four things:

### "THERE'S NO NEED TO PANIC"

(PHIL. 4:6, 2 TIM. 1:7, IS. 41:10)

The Queen is calm. Her cadence is comforting. We all gravitate toward people who are calm in a crisis. They get our attention, quiet us down, and provide clarity. If the leader is running around yelling, we panic. But if the leader is simply focused and calm, we calm down too.

If you tell your child that you trust God, but you are panicky, it's confusing. Make sure your attitude backs up your words.



### "YOU MATTER MORE THAN ME"

(PHIL. 1:3-6)

Conventional wisdom says that in an organization the leader matters most. And in practice, there is some truth to that. As John Maxwell says, "Everything rises and falls on leadership."

And yet, in a crisis, the leader needs to convey something quite different. It's not just that the follower matters, but that they matter more than the leader. When a leader chooses to be a leader, they jettison the right to make every moment about them, to get what they want in every situation.

It's the same for parenthood. In a crisis, your kids need to know you will sacrifice for them, instill courage in them, be a voice of confidence when they are not sure what to do next. Even when it is hard on you, too.

Everyone knows that the last few months have been rough for Queen Elizabeth. Harry and Meghan relinquished their royal roles, and then Prince Charles tested positive for Covid-19. But she never mentions these things in her speech. She knows that her place in leadership comes first.

Sometimes parents have to even ignore their personal problems to help their families navigate a crisis.

### "I'VE DONE THIS BEFORE"

(JOB 12:12, 2 COR. 11:21-33)

Your personal experience gives strength to your family. And it builds your family's courage.

Even from the confines of a castle, Queen Elizabeth conveyed that she cares and made it clear that all Britons, herself included, are in this together. She's 93 years old. She's been through a lot, and her people know it. "Today," she said, alluding to the way Britons pulled together in war





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## *The Queens Speech: Reminders for Moms in Crisis*

time, "once again, many will feel a painful sense of separation from their loved ones. But now, as then, we know deep down that it is the right thing to do."

She also compared the address to a similar broadcast during World War II. With the wisdom of experience, she reminded her nation that today social distancing seems strange and difficult. But, in truth, Britain has done this before. She reminisced, "We, as children, spoke from here at Windsor to children who had been evacuated from their

homes and sent away for their own safety."

Moms, your leadership comes largely from your life experience. With each calming word, you convey to your kids, "Hey, no worries, I've been through bad stuff and it worked out fine. Life can be tough, but God is always faithful."

**"WE'RE MAKING  
OUR HISTORY  
TOGETHER"**  
(PHIL 1:7-11)

One of the most important lessons we can learn is that our actions today will impact our lives tomorrow. Parents teach that to their kids with each major decision, but in a time of crisis we are afforded a rare opportunity to say, one day, we'll look back on this and remember what we did.

"I hope in the years to come," the Queen said, "everyone will be able to take pride in how they responded to this challenge. And those who come after us will say that the Britons of this generation were as

strong as any."

She is right. We are motivated today by how our responses will impact tomorrow. Remember, Mom, this moment will be part of your family's legacy. How are you handling it?

And what are you teaching your kids along the way?

With Love in Christ,  
Pastor Bob

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M-Th 9am—3pm; F 9am—1pm

Sunday School	9:45am
Morning Worship	11:00am
Evening Worship	6:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm

## Read the Bible Beginning to End Reading Plan

**1-Year Plan.** It is important to understand the fullness of God's message to the churches, and a great way of doing this is reading the Old and New Testaments simultaneously. This plan, which can be completed in one calendar year, does just that. Readings from both Testaments are included from the beginning and although each reading does not contain both Testaments, the two are read effectively.

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