Mother’s Day 2023

What defines a real mother?

Dictionary - A woman in relation to her child.

 A female parent who provides \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tenderness or affection.

A mother is more than a human being who can become pregnant, carry a baby, and give birth.

 Any biological female, apart from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ inability, can be impregnated and carry a child to term.

 No biological \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can either become a woman, become pregnant, nor birth a child. (Genesis 1:27)

(1 Kings 3:1-15) Solomon is a young king at this point in his life and has asks God for wisdom.

(1 Kings 3:16-28) This passage demonstrates his first foray into using the special \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ given to him by God.

Solomon helps a true mother and exposes a counterfeit.

(v.16-22) Two women who claim to be mothers come to Solomon to settle a dispute.

 The women are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and most likely unsure of the fathers of their children.

 One child dies during the night.

 They are arguing over which mother is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mother of the one remaining child.

(v.23-25) Solomon hears their stories and determines a solution.

(v.26a) The real mother of the child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the life of the child.

 She is willing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her relationship with her own child to save its life.

(v. 26b) The other woman would rather see the child die to cover her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 She has no motherly compassion for the child that clearly is not hers.

(v.27) Solomon sees through the ruse and the ranting and awards the child to its true mother.

(v.28) The fame of Solomon’s wisdom spreads and God is honored.

Lessons from this story in the life of Solomon

 A mother loves her child despite the circumstances under which it is born.

 A mother is willing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ whatever is necessary for her child’s safety and well-being.

 A mother provides maternal nurturing, tenderness, and affection for her child.

 Impostors are willing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an innocent child for their own benefit.

 Impostors who do not desire to be mothers make bad decisions instead of using preventative \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Many women today treat innocent children similarly to the impostor in the story.

 Murdering a child is never a valid option where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is concerned.

(Exodus 20:13; 21:22-25; Deuteronomy 27:25)