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HONOR!

May and June are very special months celebrated in America. In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Legend has it that young Anna remembered a Sunday school lesson that her mother gave in which she said, "I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial honoring mother's day". In 1914, Anna's hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday. What an awesome experience it was for Anna to honor her mother in such a special way. How could we celebrate Mother's Day without celebrating fathers? Father's Day was inaugurated in the early twentieth century to complement Mother's Day. It was to celebrate fatherhood and male parenting.

I have so many fond memories of my sister and I presenting our mother and father with expressions of love. Whether it was a card, an outfit, dinner or attending church together, we always wanted to show them how much we loved them on Mother's Day and Father's Day. We not only honor and celebrate our biological mothers and fathers, but we also recognize and pay tribute to men and women who have nurtured and encouraged us through this journey of womanhood. We honor those who have poured into our lives and made an investment in our growth as women of God. How will you celebrate the men and women in your life this year? The bible says "Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God will give you. ~ Exodus 20:12

Finally, as a grandmother, godmother, mother, daughter and sister, I receive an array of different gifts each year. Sometimes I know my children may not know what to get me and I'm grateful for whatever they purchase because I know it was purchased with love. As a person who enjoys both receiving and giving gifts, I would like to recommend a special gift. As you know, S.T.A.N.D. 2011 is fast approaching and what a great idea it would be to bring your mother or "like a mother to me" to the S.T.A.N.D. conference! For more information please click on the link or go to www.sheilabaileyministries.org. This special Mother's Day edition includes a special poem from Ashlee Crump and a wonderful article from our ministry friend and brother Pastor Stephen G. Brown.

Join us as we celebrate and honor men and women across the nation on this Mother's and Father's Day 2011.

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I PRAY (If God Willing)

By: Ashley Crump

I pray that God Touch**E**s your spirit and life
I pray that He stays with you day and night

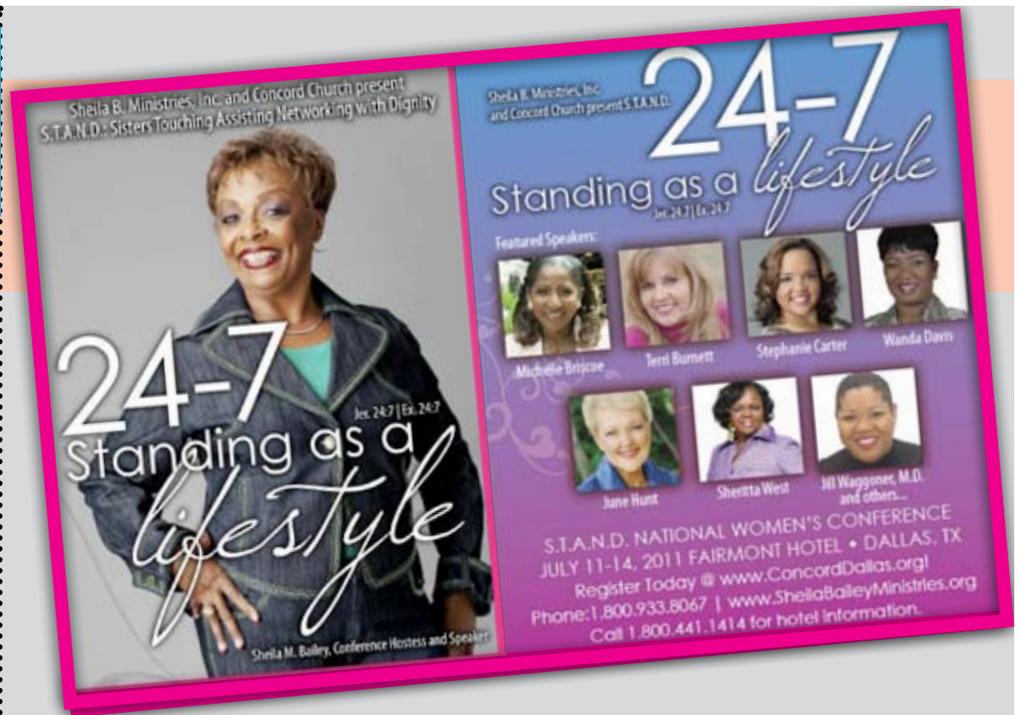
I pray that you ca**N** continue to smile
I pray that your life is worth while

I pray that you re**C**eive more blessings than
one can count
And that blessings are showered
ounce after ounce

I pray that many **O**pportunities you'll share
And that when you are down you**U** have
people that care

I pray that you continue to be a
man of you**R** word
And that when you share your wisdom you
Are understood and heard

I pray that you are encoura**G**ed
when you're sad
And that you continue to be you,
Th**E** best Dad



2011 S.T.A.N.D. NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE JULY 11 - 14, 2011

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SHE IS *Worthy*...

God's design for our lives is often at odds with our desire or perception of life! God says to "lose your life and you will gain life." We decide to "keep our life, in hopes of maintaining it!" God says, "Seek Me first, and I'll add all that you need and possibly want." We choose to "Seek stuff first, and in doing so, we miss out on what we could have had..." Finally, God says, "Honor your mother, and in doing so, the quality of your life will be substantive!" Hmmm, if I honor her, then my life will have substance! This simple principle of honor can make the difference in a life filled with peace, as opposed to one filled with chaos. In fact, some of us can testify that we are where we are and the way we are as a direct result of DISHONOR!

How do we honor or renew our honor for our mothers? First, we must **remember her love** for us! Our mothers risked their lives that we

might live! Of course, the mother's role goes beyond the birthing process, but unfortunately, we place too little weight on that process. The life afforded us by our mothers must be fully and exhaustively appreciated... We must remember her love that birthed us! In remembering her sacrificial love, our honor for her is renewed...

Secondly, we must **recommit to serve**. Regardless of where our relationship is, good or not so good, she is **still** our mother. Therefore, we are obligated to honor her by serving her. That role and responsibility is ours as long as we have life. Create new ways to serve your mother! Ask her how you can meet a specific need that she may be unable to fulfill. Then, be committed to meeting that need until it is no longer a need...

Thirdly, **rely on the Spirit!** For those who find honor difficult, the Spirit of the Lord must be our strength! For those who live to honor, the Spirit of the Lord must be our strength. The Spirit helps us to monitor our motives, and He reminds us that Mother's Day is essentially every day. If we wait until the secular season of Mother's Day to honor our mothers, then we have missed the essence of Exodus 20:12, which states, "Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." Honoring is ongoing!

Remember her Love, Recommit to serve, and Rely on the Spirit...Your legacy depends upon it!

-Stephen G. Brown