

The Motherhood Mission

THE MULTIPLICATION PRINCIPLE

**This sermon is a part of The Motherhood Mission series but may be used as a standalone sermon on Mother's Day.*

DOMINANT THOUGHT

All throughout Scripture, Jesus is leading us to a place of surrender. He wants us to trust Him with what is most important, believing that **as we release control into His hands, our obedience will be multiplied in reward.**

Multiplication through surrender is not only a foundational rule of motherhood, but a Kingdom principle. We must embrace the grief of loss in exchange for supernatural gain.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

"Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds" (John 12:24, NIV).

INTRODUCTION

Selfless love requires sacrifice. There is no more relatable example of this than motherhood. As children grow, the relationship between the mother and child must evolve — allowing the death of dependency to make room for maturity.

Illustrate further with The Chosen clip: "Mary on Mothering Jesus."

✦ POINT ONE: OUR LIVES ARE NOT OUR OWN

We are conduits and stewards of God's pre-existing love and design; therefore, *our lives are not our own.* **We must be willing to accept pain from the loss of our own will in exchange for God's greater plan.**

The Chosen connection: As a mother, Mary was willing to embrace this grief rather than resist it.

✦ POINT TWO: HE MUST BECOME GREATER

When we release control and die to ourselves, we make room for the work of the Spirit. John the Baptist illustrates spiritual leadership beautifully in John 3:30, when he says, *"He must become greater; I must become less"* (NIV).

When we are willing to be diminished for Jesus' expansion, we become vessels of His power.

The Chosen connection: As a mother, Mary's position in Jesus' life didn't change — but the level of her influence had to.

✦ POINT THREE: OUR LOSS TURNS INTO GAIN

In the hands of Jesus, what appears to be loss produces flourishing. Jesus said to His disciples in John 16:7, *"It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you"* (NIV).

Jesus knew what His disciples did not yet understand: **He was a seed to be placed in the ground, producing many.**

The Chosen connection: Mary could never have fathomed the glory set before Jesus, nor the supernatural fruit of her surrender. But through it, she became a vessel of fulfillment.

CONCLUSION

When we come to the end of ourselves, there begins the power of God — multiplying our losses in eternal reward.