

Worship Gathering 5. 11.08

Mom's Gift: Kids pass out chocolate as moms enter.

Video – Mommy Count down

SONG – Hosanna

SONG – New Doxology

SONG – Fairest Lord Jesus

Welcome – Greeting – Scott

Mom's Happy Mother's Day. I read this week that the number one thing mom's wanted for mother's day was to have some alone time. I was thinking about that and that's a really easy gift that mom's can give themselves every day no matter how many kids they have or how old their kids are. Mom's you just need to start doing dishes and you'll have all the alone time you want.

Mom's please stand we want to acknowledge you today.

Are there any moms whose kids are out of town? I want everyone to as we greet each other and say good morning to go hug a mom, particularly the ones whose kids are out of town.

SONG – Not to Us

Testimony – Dina Garcia

Special – In Better Hands

Announcements:

1. New members

<u>1st service</u>	<u>2nd service</u>
Erin Crowley	Mark and Barb Kyser
Patricia Hernandez	Kristina Hereford
Irene Baptist	

?? Angelina Aguirre, Maria Rodriguez

2. Baptism class is next Sunday at 10:45 next week.

3. The marriage project survey pages: You'll hear more about this at the end of the service. At some point this morning men use the blue sheets and women the pink one. Circle 3-5 questions that you would like addressed on Sunday morning over the next couple of weeks, or write your own question down. We will attempt to address as many questions as we are able. Turn those into the maroon boxes as you leave.

PRAY FOR THE OFFERING –

- Pray for Jeff Wenke – pastor of The JOURNEY.
- Praise for Kevin Delaney coming home yesterday.

“The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever.”

Offering: Video: William Tell Overture

Intro Speaker: Scott (2 minutes)

Considering my vast experience with mothering, I decided to pass the baton to a real mom this morning. I have invited Kathi Lipp to come and speak this morning. Kathi is from our church, but she also travels a lot speaking to women's groups all over the place to encourage them to follow God and have relationships that honor Him. This year she'll be in seven states speaking to different groups. I think you are going to be encouraged this morning. Would you please welcome Kathi Lipp?

Message: Kathi (35 minutes)

Wrap up and Set up the TMP (10 minutes)

I told you that Kathi would be able to talk about that scripture in a way that I am glad to be ignorant of. . . .

On the way out today you will receive a book called The Marriage Project. This is your guide to our spiritual journey in the next five weeks. Begin today by reading the first chapter together.

- This is much more than a reading book. You see, what you don't need in your marriage is to read another chapter on how to do something right. You need to have your habits encouraged. How do you encourage a habit? - It's by doing that thing.
- That's why in this book there are 29 days worth of daily projects. If you and I are going to further develop the habit of encouragement, then we need to practice it every day. Kathi Lipp has written the material in the book. The concept she has developed is that when you take a room in your house like the kitchen and put it on project status, then your time, effort, and money goes toward completing that project. The focus of your next several weeks.
- **Let me make a sidebar comment:** I realize not everyone in our church is married. Marriage is such a critical relationship that we need to focus several weeks on this. However, I am not just ignoring that fact that we have singles who have never been married, divorced singles, and people whose spouse's have passed away. Let me touch on two things:
 - First, you may be tempted to avoid the Marriage Project because you feel it doesn't apply to you. However, God may

want you to encourage and walk with other people through this for you to encourage them. Second, we have included in the daily projects a section **for Singles** because the principle is that we are encouraging people, and all of us have room to grow in the area of encouragement.

- How to get started? I've written instructions in the Sunday Edition and in the introduction to the book. But here is how to get started this week. Read the introduction together and begin planning. This week is prep week and we'll begin the daily projects next Sunday.

- **Major projects** are date nights – line up baby sitters. Notice also the free child care the church is providing on two nights.
- **Bonus projects** – I'll let you take a look at those. Guys I think those will be some of your favorites.

I applaud you all who will begin the marriage project today because it takes a certain amount of humility to put your relationship on project status.

May God Bless your effort become more of an encourager. We'll see you next week.