# "Mother's Pain"

"and a sword will pierce through your own soul also..." (Luke 2:35)

### **Our Mother Eve**

Genesis 3:16, 20 – (16) "To the woman he said, 'I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children... (20) The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living."

Genesis 4:25 – "And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, 'God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him."

#### **Shelomith's Sorrow**

Leviticus 24:10-16 — (10) "Now an Israelite woman's son, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the people of Israel. And the Israelite woman's son and a man of Israel fought in the camp, (11) and the Israelite woman's son blasphemed the Name, and cursed. Then they brought him to Moses. His mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan. (12) And they put him in custody, till the will of the LORD should be clear to them. (13) Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, (14) 'Bring out of the camp the one who cursed, and let all who heard him lay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him. (15) And speak to the people of Israel, saying, Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. (16) Whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him. The sojourner as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.""

# **Mary's Misery**

John 19:25-27 — (25) "but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. (26) When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' (27) Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home."

**Key Point: Jesus bears our griefs & carries our sorrows** 

# **Response:**

## As a Mom, am I looking to Jesus as my source?

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:37)

#### As a son or daughter, am I seeking to bless my Mom?

"Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice." (Proverbs 23:25)

"A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish man despises his mother." (Proverbs 15:20)

#### If I am a hurting mother, Who is my Healer?

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)