

## “Awkward Ambitions (1): The Ambitions of a Mother”

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### Matthew 20:20-23

◆ Do you know who this mother is?

- Matthew 27:56—she is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of Zebedee’s sons.
- Mark 16:1—she is called \_\_\_\_\_ .
- John 19:25—she is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus’ mother.
- That would make her Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ , and her sons—James and John—his \_\_\_\_\_ .

◆ She is now in the most powerful position a mother can adopt: \_\_\_\_\_ before Jesus.

- Isaiah 49:25—“I will \_\_\_\_\_ your children.”
- Isaiah 49:15, 16—“I will not \_\_\_\_\_ you.”

◆ Mothers are gifted with that innate ability to transfer their \_\_\_\_\_ to their children.

- “Their mother was a follower of Christ, and had ministered to Him freely of her substance. With a mother’s love and \_\_\_\_\_ for her sons, she coveted for them the most honored place in the new kingdom. For this she encouraged them to make request.” (DA 548)
- “God is too wise and good to answer our prayers always at just the time and in just the manner we desire. He will do \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for us than accomplish all our wishes.” (MH 231)
- “The one who stands \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ will be he who on earth has drunk most deeply of the spirit of His self-sacrificing love . . . love that moves the disciple, as it moved our Lord, to give all, to live and labor and sacrifice, even unto death, for the saving of humanity.” (DA 549)

◆ Perhaps it is best that mothers do not live long enough to know the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter in their children’s lives.

### There are some \_\_\_\_\_ you have to let go.

◆ Either because your child has made life \_\_\_\_\_ that are mutually exclusive to such a dream as that.

◆ Or because it is possible your child was \_\_\_\_\_ meant to be that or do that or become that.

□ “I must surrender \_\_\_\_\_ the dreams I dream for my children . . . except for one.”

◆ \_\_\_\_\_ 4: “I have no greater joy than to hear that my  
\_\_\_\_\_ walk in \_\_\_\_\_.”

*Lead them, my God, to Thee—lead them to Thee.*

*These children dear of mine, Thou gavest me.*

*O, by Thy love divine, lead them, my God, to Thee.*

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mother, Salome, sister, aunt, cousins, kneeling, save, forget, ambitions, ambition, more, better, nearest, final, dreams, choices, never, all, III, John, children, truth