



**Honoring Mothers**

**10<sup>th</sup> May 2015**



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- œ Mother's Day is the third most celebrated holiday
- œ Over 145 million cards are sent, \$14.6 billion spent on gifts and dinners, 69% of those gifts are flowers.
- œ More long distance calls will be made today than any other day of the year.





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œ There's no doubt that mothering is the toughest job that you will ever have.

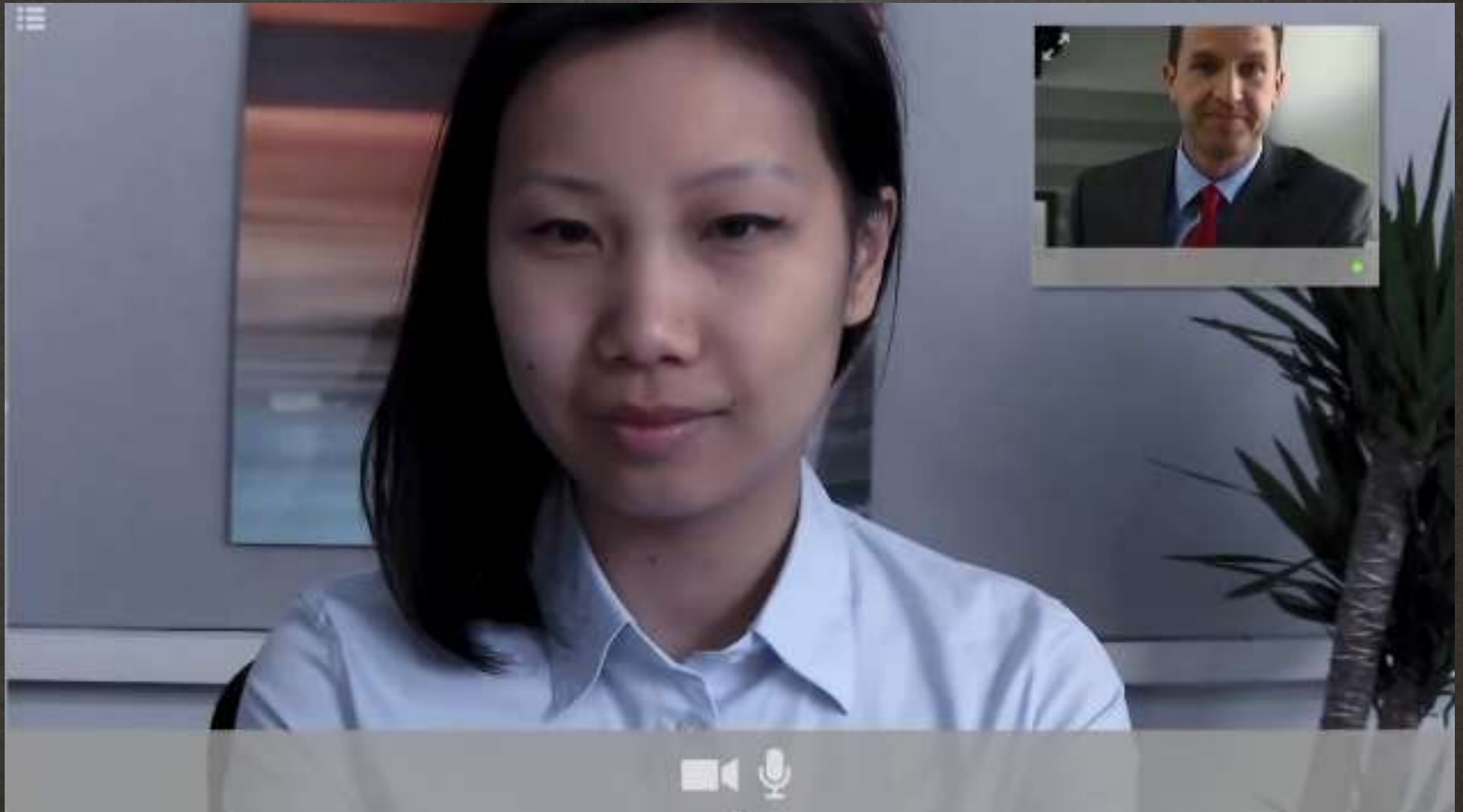
œ Agree?

œ Video.....



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œ Agree now?

œ Today, we pause and say “thanks” for all of your hard work throughout the year.

œ We probably don’t say “thanks” enough.

œ “Happy Mothers Day.”





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- ☞ There were 2 books name after women in the Bible – Esther & Ruth
- ☞ In Ruth, there is another woman whose influence changed the course of history
- ☞ She is like a mother who hides in the background so that her children can stand out
- ☞ Ruth 1:1-7



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Representation</u>
Ruth	Friendship	Human spirit
Naomi	Beautiful Grace of God	Human soul
Elimelech	The Strength of the King	Sin nature
Judah	Worship	Presence with God (heaven)
Bethlehem	Celebrated	Praising God
Moab	Incest	Sin
Mahlon	Sickly	Poorly
Kilion	Failing	Unsuccessful
Orpah	Stubbornness	Pride
Mara	Bitterness	Broken hearted
Boaz	Strong Redeemer/Pillar	Jesus
Obed	Servant	Born again
David	Beloved Son	Jesus
Jesus Christ	Salvation	Jesus
Israel	He will rule	Man as a whole





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☞ Naomi lived her faith everyday, in every way.

☞ We would never act differently in front of strangers, but our family sees who we really are.

☞ The only thing of value we can give is what we are, not what we have!





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## 1. Nurturing (Ruth 1:16-17)

- ☞ Ruth saw a God who was strong enough to sustain her no matter what. Naomi had every reason to be unhappy - she'd just lost her husband and 2 sons, and had no visible prospects for her future.
- ☞ The devotion the Naomi had for God was obviously so intense that Ruth committed herself in devotion to Naomi





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- œ Being a woman, says neuropsychiatrist Louann Brizendine, is like having giant, invisible antennae that reach out into the world, constantly aware of the emotions and needs of those around you.
- œ Women are to some extent hard-wired to nurture is a positive, not a negative, both for the next generation and for the general well-being of society





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- œ 12 % more neurons and more cellular connections
- œ Means they work faster and better even though the brain is smaller
- œ 10X more white matters which helps to multi task
- œ Larger Corpus Collosum – easier to transfer data between left & right hemisphere of the brain





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## 2. Persistent (Ruth 3:1-6)

☞ Ruth did everything her mother in law told her to do

☞ Continuing firmly or obstinately in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition





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☞ When it comes to persistent in the Bible,  
it got to do with women

☞ Luke 18:1-8 (Parable of the Persistent  
Widow)

☞ John 2:1-5 (Wedding in Cana)





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- œ Being persistent is good but we have to be care with the limit.
- œ We may come across strong and offensive sometimes
- œ Any mom will tell you they are not perfect. In fact many will acknowledge how much mistakes and blunder that have made.



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- ☞ No man or woman who lives for God gets everything he wants. The life of the godly will contain disappointments along the journey, but it is still infinitely richer and more satisfying than life without God.
- ☞ Because of Naomi's faithfulness, the women of Bethlehem exclaimed: "Naomi has a son." Naomi came back to Bethlehem empty, but God filled her with blessing.

