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Women in different stages of life discuss how faith helps them triumph over challenges

Faithful through the ages

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Mother's Day has come and gone, but the impact of a mother needs to be celebrated more than one time a year. Women everywhere should continue to be celebrated for their keen sense of intuition, natural nurturing abilities and faithful spirits. A woman's influence on children, communities and nations cannot be measured, but sometimes the day to day grind of life can be daunting. These four women, who are all in different stages of life, talk about what helps them fight the battles of Satan and stay true to Christ.

**Samantha Brown, 17,
student at Foothills High
School in Henderson**

The life of a teenage woman is a stage when women are constantly surrounded by peers in high school. It is full of endless temptations, peer pressure, body image obsession, and the desperate desire to "fit in." Arguably it is the easiest and most dangerous time to succumb to temptations that lead away from a life full of peace and happiness in Christ.

There isn't anything, however, that combats these self-image pressures like being close to Christ, according to Samantha Brown, 17. "For me personally, I feel more at peace with myself, more self confident," she said. If her relationship with the Lord starts to weaken, she says she "feels distant, out of place. I start getting down on myself, less self confident."

Being involved in a church group has allowed her to create a friend group that is a good example to her, and has helped her to stay away from falling into a bad crowd. "It's really hard to go to school if you don't have those kinds of influences like church," she said. "It's easy to get sucked into what everyone else is doing by people that don't hold the same values."

What helps keep Samantha faithful in the Lord when things get tough? "I personally like hearing testimonies and experiences of other people, and what has strengthened them. When they talk about that, I can look in my life and see what I've learned from similar situations," she said.

**Dyanne Coon, 31,
mother of five year old, seven
year old, and nine year old**

Although Dyanne Coon didn't grow up in the most religious home, as a mother of three, she sees how motherhood has altered her perspective towards God and church.

"It's changed because now that I have children, I don't want them to turn out like vandals," she said. "I pay more attention to what's going on in church. Anytime that I hear other parents giving talks, I'm looking for advice to make things better for the kids. I look for what they're doing to help themselves be more spiritual in their lives, and how they keep Christ's spirit in their home."

However, knowing that it's important doesn't mean it's easy. Once after painstakingly sewing by hand her daughter's Easter dress, she was so excited to be sitting at church with her daughter in her new dress only to find that she had pooped during church, and it was one sticky situation. "I was by myself, my husband was working, and there were no extra clothes,"

she said. "There was poop all over that dress that took me forever to make. That was a disaster for me."

Crying babies, poopy diapers, and restless toddlers made Dyanne wonder at times if church was worth the hassle. "When they're younger, and you feel like they don't understand, you think, 'what's the point in coming,' but you have to push yourself. You go for your kids."

Now that her daughter is seven, she's seeing the fruits of her labor. "My daughter has a very sweet spirit. She says a lot of little things where you know she realizes. She's very spiritual, and always has been. I see kids who don't grow up with spirituality, and see them misbehave. It makes me want to be a better Christian."

And in teaching the children about Christ, she's learning herself. "Now, God is much more of a focus," she said. "I'm much happier. I see other people struggle with different situations who don't see their blessings. I know that if I did not have religion in my life, I wouldn't be in the good place like I am right now."

**Mona Shield-Payne, 47,
mother of 18 year old
and 21 year old**

For Mona Shield-Payne, who has two grown up sons who are both about to move out of the house, her views on religion and church have changed some from when her kids were younger. "For me, I use to think when I was in my 20's that I had to be cautious about how I acted because I believed the way I acted could be a stumbling block for my kids," she said. "How you are is an example to them."

Now that her kids are older and have a good foundation, she's become a lot more relaxed. She sees that her children are in a good place, and have turned out to be good Christian people. "They are good boys. I know if I say a swear word or something, it won't rock their foundation."

Being without them at home, however, poses its own struggles, even when it comes to going to church. "It's totally sad. I don't have this warm fuzzy happy feeling that you're all going to church (See Mothers, Page 17)



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KIP Motors adds to the Kingdom

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Who do you call when your car dies in the middle of nowhere and you don't have AAA or roadside service? Try KIP Motors, they're equipped with a 24-hour, emergency mobile auto mechanic, great prices and the attitude and integrity of Jesus Christ.

Located at 3065 N. Rancho Drive, suite 134, KIP Motors is backed by 18 years of experience as a certified technician with dealership knowledge. "I will never have a customer take their car somewhere else because I didn't know what was wrong," said Kevin Robinson, the shop's owner.

Specializing in computer diagnostics, Robinson prides himself on being a technician who offers dealership service and knowledge but affordable day-to-day prices. "Anybody can replace a part, but not every-



Pictured from left to right are KIP Automotive Services employees Kelly Spurling, Ken Grimes, Ray Bensing and owner Kevin Robinson.

body can fix the problem. That's what dealerships do, that's why I respect them," he said.

Armed with enough knowledge to almost predict a problem from hearing your car's symptoms, Robinson says replacing parts doesn't always get to the root of the problem and that's what

causes additional work shortly after. "If your car is running hot, you can replace the radiator but have you figured out why it ran hot in the first place? If you don't do that, you will eventually return with a new situation related to the same problem," he explained.

A member of Living

Grace Church in Las Vegas, Robinson was inspired to become a mechanic after learning the business with his late father in Seattle. He later realized he had talent and began working for other shops and businesses until he became certified to start his own mobile service. "Most people don't want to

spend the money on towing and they feel a whole lot better when they know where their car is and what you're doing to it," he said. "And we have an entire garage on wheels with the equipment to do almost anything."

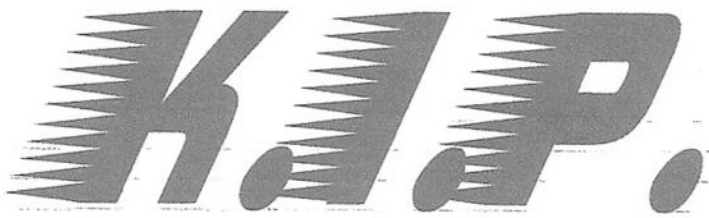
Robinson said his garage works for his corporate clients and others who have home owners associations that don't permit work on cars in the neighborhood. "We'll get your car fixed no matter what the problem or where it is," Robinson said. "A lot of owners don't know anything about their business and they allow others to do the work. But here, I am a working employee and this business, the tools and the rest belongs to God."

Known as a tool junkie, Robinson maintains KIP Motors to be comfortable for everyone who visits. However, it is clear that he is a man of God. "God has

made it possible for me to have this business and I don't hide that," said Robinson, as he points out the gold cross on his front door. "I give all glory to him for my knowledge and everything else here."

It is with that mindset that Robinson puts into every screw turned and every part handled. "There are a lot of crooks out there, but I make it my business to do things with integrity and respect. You may not have to bring your car back here but you will tell someone else how you were treated and that we handled your problems."

Robinson is running a special for the month of Father's day on air conditioning services, transmission services and more. To get an appointment at KIP Automotive Services, call 702 489-3761. If you're in need of emergency services, call 702 502-6911 24-hours.



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