

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

September 9, 2013

### On A Mission

**LUKE 2:39-52 NKJV** – (39) So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their *own* city, Nazareth. (40) And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. (41) His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. (42) And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. (43) When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know *it*; (44) but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. (45) So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. (46) Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. (47) And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. (48) So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." (49) And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (50) But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. (51) Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. (52) And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

When you first read Jesus' reply to His mother, you almost want to speak to Him about talking back to His mother. But then you read further. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" is more than a boy's naive response. This is a turning point in Jesus' life. Mary speaks about "your father and I" in verse 48. But in verse 49, Jesus takes the word "father" and applies it to the God of the Temple. Jesus was sensing His call to obey the Father. However, part of that obedience involved submitting to His parents: "Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them" (2:51a). Notice His areas of growth: wisdom, spiritual insight, stature, physical size, and favor with God and man.

Do you notice the spiritual growth in your children? Have they been taught church traditions? Are they taught to just go to church and to attend Sunday school? Or, are they on a mission for their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? When we follow the instructions of **Proverbs 22:6**, we can expect similar results as evidenced above. We have a purpose while on this earth and it involves more than just living life! We are to live a life that honors God to the fullest and it starts with our young ones. If you noticed that your child is on a mission for God, encourage them, direct them, and keep them in prayer. Remember, Satan wants something different for your child. Teach them to be like Christ. Yes, Christ had His own special mission, but we don't know what He has for your child

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

MATTHEW 4:10

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

To be rich in God is far better than to be rich with goods.

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