## May 12-13, 2018 CELEBRATION Goals for Godly Moms 1 Samuel 1:9-11

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I am thankful for the time of celebration we have had these past few weeks. We have celebrated the dedication of our new worship center, and we have celebrated with baptism, and with our Senior students. Today we celebrate our families as we join with our country in remembering our mothers. I pray that God would bless you and your family as you celebrate this special day.

Next week we begin a new series. I will preach from the first six chapters of the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts is a special book in the life of the church. The church came into being on the Day of Pentecost (Pentecost Sunday is May 20 this year). The first twelve chapters of Acts concerns the church, its growth, and its development.

This series will be entitled "Called Out: A SWOT Analysis of the Church."

We will look at the birth of the church by the giving of the Holy Spirit and the attacks on the church from outside by persecution, from the inside by disobedience, and from Satan directly.

The word church means "Called Out." You, I and the church have been called out of the world to serve our living Savior. SWOT is an acronym for "Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats." We face all of these -- good and bad.

The church has been given great blessings, but it also faces powerful opposition.

My hope is that we will see the church as it is--that living organism to whom God has given the power to reach out to our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. I also hope you will begin to see the church differently, that it will become precious to you and that you will see it as the bride of Christ whom He loves. Finally, I want us to see how Satan attacks to destroy the fellowship and outreach of the body of Christ.