



When God Turns A Mess Into A Message I Kings 3:23-28

This incident is used by God to show He had given Solomon the wisdom he had requested as king. – **3:9**

When you look at the text:

- These two women were harlots, prostitutes. – **3:16**
- These two women lived in a house together; they both delivered a son within three days of one another. – **3:17, 18**
- One mother who was cruel, selfish, and heartless laid on her newborn child, and it died. – **3:19**
- She took her dead child and replaced it with her room-mate's child. – **3:20**
- The real mother knew that was not her child. – **3:21**
- The real mother of the baby was willing to sacrifice her motherhood for the life of her child. – **3:26**

What can we learn from this story?

Mothers are not perfect – 3:16

- These two mothers were harlots.

Mothers have problems – 3:24-25

- The king was going to decide by dividing the child in two.

A good mother will sacrifice for her child – 3:26

- The real mother would rather see another woman raise her child than see it split in two.

God specializes in messes; he can turn your mess into a message. – 3:28

- If there are pieces of your past that you cannot let go, maybe it is because God is pushing you to turn your mess into a message.
- Your mess will encourage others. – II Tim. 4:7-8

This lesson is to encourage you that no matter how low you get.

No matter what you have done.

There is nothing too great that the blood of Jesus cannot wash clean.

You cannot surprise someone who knows your story from the beginning to the end.

God can turn your mess into a message!