

Mother's Day 2005 with the "Incredibles"

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SERVICE OPENER (10:10) CLIP #1 – 0:00 – 2:02

(quick freeze after the second time Elastigirl says, "I don't think so!")

MESSAGE OPENER - CLIP #2 - 4:33 – 5:45

And so Mr. Incredible meets Elastigirl... PAUSE..

(was before they got married)... a time w/ she was **strong, independent, self sufficient woman... - no way a man was going to stand in her way/ take something away from her... credit, pride, whatever.**

Elastigirl was **her own person... an individual... w/her own superhero life... She had dreams... plans knew where she was headed... Life was good and she was going to make the most of it. LONG PAUSE...** Who would have ever thought things **could have ended up so differently?... LONG PAUSE...**

It wasn't just getting **married to Mr. Incredible** that was the problem, **or having children...** the big problem- fact that **she could no longer live the life she was meant to live... made to live!-- b/c being a superhero had become a crime. [Explain scenario]**

[SLOWLY] So Elastigirl, and Mr I... and even the kids - forced into living a **'muted' kind of existence... a half life... lost their former glory... had to be just to be like everyone else... PAUSE...** Life- became this pathetically **ordinary...predictable...boring** existence **--not the way is way supposed to be. PAUSE...**

Know the place?... ask- "Is this all there is to life?"... "This job?... caring for my kids?" "This

relationship?..." This is the **difference** my life is going to make?... This is my part in the world's play?... **LONG PAUSE...** **"Surely there must be more..."** **"Just feels like I'm selling short... - should be more!" LONG PAUSE...**

Elastigirl makes the best of her domesticated, dish washing, diaper changing life... tries to hold her superhero family together... but it's tough.. **[SET up motherly principal's office scene - w/Dash/ super speed... explain it all on car ride home...]**

CLIP #3 – Muted Existence Scene – 13:32 – 15:38

"Everyone's special Dash" - **"Which is another way of saying no one is!"... -- Got to hate it when kids "bust you" in your inconsistencies... hypocrisy... Elastigirl says one thing/lives another... PAUSE...**

In a way - covering up her own **self denial...** the fact that she's **selling short** her own life... **How many of us parents do the same?... tell your kids - "Go for it" (you hold back, scared to risk)... say to a friend "Be whatever want!" (settle, play it safe, another's expectations)... like you're selling short!**

PAUSE... happens in our faith lives as well... here we talk of a God - **do anything!...** amazing **super power** - invites us into - adventure of a lifetime! -- amazing 'divine rescue mission' - and yet... **PAUSE...** We read superhero stories all over bible... **David vs Goliath... Superhero Esther... -ordinary people - extraordinary lives of faith... PAUSE...**

Elastigirl was selling short... **PAUSE...** but that would soon change... **[SUPER FAST]** (Buddy becomes sinister... wiping out all of the former superheros, so that he can be the only one left... kidnaps Mr I (who's secretly living out his Superhero life behind her back... Elastigirl finds out...)

[**SLOWLY**] and a very cool kind of **reawakening/ resurrection** happens in the domesticated Elastigirl...

Faced with 'life and death' dire circumstances... **kicks herself into gear once more...**

She rediscovers 'something' deep inside of her (the power of a life she was meant to live!)... **it changes her/brings her to life... changes who she is as woman and mother... dons Elastigirl uniform once more!**

[**Set up plane scene**-(originally leaves kids at home... discovers stowed away... circumstances dictate a strength of leadership... a maternal courage... a "**XX**" **directness** and **power**) **See for yourself!...**

CLIP #4 – JET scene... 68:16 – 71:09

Come on - what a mother!... flies Jets... huge leadership amazing ingenuity/ability... **strength!! - YEAH MOM!**

There comes a time... "chips are down"... you got a choice - who you're going to be... how you're going to live your life!... what you're going to do - time when you gotta "**Just do what needs to be done!**"... **w/ stakes are high - find something deep inside!**

PAUSE... It's what all superhero's do... gird up an inner fortitude... call into play an inner courage/ strength - and they do it... **PAUSE**... They storm a Nazi stronghold in a small Dutch town... **PAUSE**... They run into a burning building and save two teen lives... **PAUSE**... They have the courage to be the mother they were always meant to be... the son... the daughter... **PAUSE**... They live their **lives of faith, in whatever task been given**, as though they really did

believe that God has all the **power**... all the **might**... and was **all about this amazing mission in world!**

LONG PAUSE..And they **get the job done**.. & they live life - way it was always meant to be lived... so **real**... so beautiful...so amazingly **animated** and alive! [**FAMILY SCENE – all relating -FRAN- “Yes” look!**] "This is what a mother is meant to be!" - reason this movie huge best seller -we all resonate with **yearning**, and the **vicarious feelings of satiation!** **PAUSE**...

Eventually - Elastigirl "Get's it" and releases her kids into who **they were meant to be**... see it in this poignant scene... **CLIP #4 - 73:20 - 75:40**

And with that commission - kids/ along with mom and dad - go on to save the world (**oops gave that away!**)

Reviewing that scene this week **&thinking about faith journeys we're all on**, I couldn't help think about the maternal heart of God speaking to us/his children...

PROTECTIVE HEART... Elastigirl talks about how **real** the 'bad forces are'... "Be Strong..." - hear God to Joshua... "**Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous**" 1:6

ENTRUSTING HEART... Elastigirl- "Don't worry, when the time comes you'll know what to do..." **JESUS-** "**And don't worry about what you'll say or how you'll say it. The right words will be there; the Spirit of your Father will supply the words.**" mt 10:19

Whole scene felt like Jesus in upper room - scared disciples - "**Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God^[a]; trust also in me...If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you**

know him, for he lives with you and will be in you... when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you..” 14:1, 16:17, 16:13-16...

All that belongs to God/Father given to us via the HS... (God’s energy... wisdom... strength and super power!)

If we dare believe and trust in it... if we **see enough of the urgency** of this life and death life we’re living... Recognize -- **“This is the only life you’ve got!”**

In Christ, this is who you are... **“super” new identity** God gives you... complete will all kinds of **unique HS empowered gifts**... yes, even in you! --

[**Ordinary seen in new light!...**] your life has huge significance... part of major thing that’s going on... in a way vicariously (God’s work), but in a **way not!** -- **HS living in you!... through you... PAUSE**

See the miracle that life is... adventure of it all... amazing thing that a relationship is... loved one... PAUSE... your God!

This is what you’re made for... called to...who you are!

“Put these on... your identity is your most valuable possession... protect it.” Elastigirl

POST SERVICE CLIP... 107:27 – to the end

Who	Time	Event	Notes
Noah	9:00 (1 hour)	Family Photos	only 1 outlet useful
Keith	9:50 – 10:08	PPT, “Syndrome” teaser	Keith to make teaser
Keith	10:08	2 min countdown	Noah to make
Keith	10:10	Incredibles opener	John to make
Ron	10:13	Welcome	
Band	10:15	1.Meant to Live 2.My Hope is You 3.Only You	
Keith and John	10:30	Video Clip #1 Message with embedded clips	John
Band	11:00	1. Deliver Me 2. Meant to Live (Reprise) 3. Power of Your Love	
Ron And John	11:15	Offering – family photos running with superhero music Announcements/Blessing	Noah to bring music?
Band	11:20	Playout	
Noah	11:20 – ?	Family Photos	

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