Title: The Unknown Mom
Text: Proverbs 31:1-9
Target: Proverbs 31 has been a standard of inspiration for all women but has also quietly served as a mark of intimidation. My hope today is by revealing the “Unknown Mom” behind this proverb a new perspective would be gained, and an unspoken pressure would be relieved.

I. She Reinforces a Divine Calling: “The words of King Lemuel. An oracle that his mother taught him:” (Vs.1)
   A. Dedicated to God: “King Lemuel”- unto God or for God
   B. Directed to God: “taught”- admonished while correcting.

II. She Reveals a Deep Concern: “What are you doing, my son? What are you doing, son of my womb? What are you doing, son of my vows?” (Vs. 2)
   A. Importance of Repetition 3X “what are you doing?”
   B. Intimacy of the Relationship: “son of my womb/vows”
   C. Intervenes with Reason: “doing”

III. She Reminds with Direct Counsel:
   A. Women: Avoid Immorality “do not give your strength to women” (Vs. 3) *1 Kings 11:4 *Deut. 17:17
   B. Wine: Avoid Drunkenness “lest they drink and forget what has been decreed and pervert the rights of all the afflicted” (Vs. 5) *Proverbs 20:1
   C. Work: Avoid Bribery “Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.” (Vs. 8-9) *Proverbs 29:4

Take Away: The (X) that marks the spot is the place where the Proverbs 31 expectation is exchanged for a Proverbs 31 exaltation.