

# What Every Mother Wants

Here are some lessons I've learned by observing a "good Mom" over the last 35 years!

- I. Being good enough is good enough!  
*"<sup>4</sup>Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4*
  
- II. Enjoy the moment, not just the outcome.  
*"<sup>22</sup> A cheerful heart is good medicine...." Proverbs 17:22*
  
- III. Celebrate the teachable moments!  
*"<sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deut. 6:7*
  
- IV. The love of Jesus is the most important thing in life.  
*"<sup>5</sup>I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." 2Tim 1:5*
  
- V. Affirm the parent's authority  
*"<sup>d</sup>Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Eph. 6:1*

What every mother wants is a child who fulfills their destiny in God.  
(Ref: Exodus 2:1-10, 1Samuel 1:26-28, Luke 1:30-33, 38)

One scripture that defines the depth and breadth of God's love for us: *"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! <sup>16</sup> See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;" Isaiah 49:15-16a*

## Small Group Questions

1. Think back in your childhood and share one quality that your Mom demonstrated in your upbringing that you find helpful today.
2. Where do you turn to find help for situations and challenges in your parenting that you find difficult?
3. Talk about "teachable moments" and how you can impart an appreciation for God's ways in the midst of everyday activities.
4. Why is the idea of "surrendering" your son or daughter to the Lord so difficult and even counterintuitive? Is this something you are prepared to do or have you even thought about it at this point in your parenting?
5. How does the concluding verse Isaiah 49:15-16a speak to you about God's love for you?