

Family Matters

Moms Matter

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It's Mother's Day, so we're talking all things "mom." We go straight to the source to learn about motherhood from the experts themselves—three of the best moms we know.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Some of the best parts of being a mom—watching your kids thrive and celebrating with them.
 - Some of the biggest challenges—watching your kids struggle, not missing the opportunities of being present when there's so much to do, or finding time for yourself.
 - Being a mother will be the most giving part of your life.
 - Often, the way we view God is based on the way our parents treated us—which should inform the way we try to parent.
 - There's not one way to do what you do as a mother.
 - God has uniquely equipped you for the children he has given you.
 - Each child is different, and you are uniquely positioned to show them what unconditional love is like.
 - Moms don't always ask or want to ask for the help they need. Look for ways to help and encourage and support the moms in your life, even in little ways.
 - This is just a season. Remember that when it's hard, and remember to soak it in, too.
 - You're not alone. God sees you, and He's with you.
 - You're doing better than you think you are, and God is doing more than you think He is.
 - Moms are like a cup full of love, splashing love over everyone around them.
 - If you're not careful, you can find yourself holding out your empty cup to be filled by people's opinion of you, appreciation of you, or by people whose cups are empty themselves.
 - ...that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. | Ephesians 3, v.19
 - Pray that you would be filled by God, and overflow His love onto the world around us.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's one of your fondest memories of your mom or someone who's like a mom in your life, or your fondest memory as a mom?
2. Moms are uniquely positioned to show love to their kids. What are some ways you feel like you're uniquely positioned to show God's love to the people around you?
3. Many of us are really good at pouring our love out on the people around us, but then try to fill ourselves back up with things and people that can't do the job. What things and people have you discovered don't really fill you up the way they should, even though you keep hoping they will?
4. In Ephesians, the apostle Paul prays that we would be "filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." What kinds of practices and habits do you think can lead to being filled with the fullness of God?