

What I've Learned about Love from Mothers and Jesus

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Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

1) What I've Learned about Sleep

Picture 1 – Mom Yawning

Picture 2 – Mom passed out on couch

Picture 3 – Baby

"Every evening I turn my worries over to God. He's going to be up all night anyway."

"He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep." Psalm 121:3-4

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth," Psalm 121:1-2

"He does not faint or grow weary" Isaiah 40:38

"For he gives to his beloved sleep," Psalm 127:2

2) What I've Learned about Sacrifice

Picture 4 – Mom multi-tasking

Picture 5 – Mom see-saw

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." John 15:13

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved John 3:14, 17.

"... the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" John 1:29

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" Matthew 20:28

what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things . . . as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, . . . that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Philippians 3:7-11

3) What I've Learned about Family

Picture 6 – Awkward picture

Picture 7 – Christmas Picture

Picture 8 – Weird Family

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:31-35

I am the vine, and you are the branches. If a person remains in me and I remain in him, then he produces much fruit. But without me he can do nothing. John 15:5

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 NLT

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.... Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. Psalm 84:1-2, 10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:9-10