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Laugh Again!



A sense of humor is a required characteristic of motherhood. I think every mom has learned to laugh or smile at the realities of motherhood and their child's journey to adulthood. Let me suggest three expressions that accompany motherhood.

First there is the wry smile. Like me you've seen it dozens of times. Those darling children standing on the stage for their school program gleefully waving at their moms. And when that child scores the winning point for his or her high school team, they look to the stands and motion to their mothers. Or how about when that muscle-bound football player makes a stunning touchdown catch and the cameras focus on him along the sidelines where he mouths the words, "Hi mom!" Mom's aren't always quite sure what to make of the attention they would really rather avoid, so outwardly they offer a wry smile but inwardly they are wonderfully thrilled.

Though they may not know it, the children offering this attention to their moms are doing something very biblical. Proverbs 31:28 says "Her children rise up and call her blessed ..." Children bless and mom's smile. It's good for moms to laugh again!

Then there is the polite smile. This is the facial expression that comes when mom's hear comments like, "Oh, you're a 'housewife', so you don't really have to work!" Or, "Well it's too bad you never had a career." This poor mom wants to bop every fool that utters such nonsense but since she is a good and decent lady she simply smiles and lets it go. After all, she knows that being at home when the kids get off the bus, making it to every game and even taking snacks to school on their child's birthday; is considered quaint by many in our liberated and liberal society, but considered great by God and her God-fearing children. She is a Proverbs 31 woman who cares more about her home than her career. It's good for moms to laugh again.

Finally, let me suggest the full on belly laugh. This is what I might call the Sarah syndrome. You might recall that God told Abraham, Sarah's husband, that they were going to be first-time parents (Genesis 18:8-10). When Sarah overheard the conversation she laughed. Ha! After all she was ninety! How silly to think that she would bear a child at such an advanced age. But fast forward nine months and we find Sarah giving birth to a baby boy ... and do you know what they called him? They named him Isaac which means "laughter." Listen to Sarah's testimony from Genesis 21:6. "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." Sarah's initial unbelief turned to unbelievable praise. I think that every time she called Isaac to supper she smiled and then threw her head back and laughed. Amazing! Praise God! It's good for mom's to laugh again.

Happy Mother's Day moms. Enjoy your day laughing again and again.

Looking Up!

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