

Mothers Day 2019

-Video: mom guilt

-The only thing harder than the External Demands placed on Moms are the Internal Expectations moms are holding themselves to

-you could nurse a baby,,,,, pack 3 school lunches,,, notice stained school clothes,,,,, get all homework signed and permission slips in backpacks,,,,, cook breakfast,,,,, and do 2 braids all at once,,,,,,

-but, once they are out the door you will feel guilty that you didn't make smiley faces with the egg yolks the way they like

-Sometimes no matter what you do, all you can see is what you didn't do.....

-life becomes Heavy Weights piling on

-like Proverbs 31

-Ladies be honest. WHO LOVES AND HATES PROVERBS 31????

-Proverbs 31:1-29 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies 11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value..... 12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life..... 13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar..... 15 She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family..... and portions for her female servants..... 16 She considers a field and buys it.....; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard..... 17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks..... 18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night..... 19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. 20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy..... 21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet..... 22 She makes coverings for her bed.....; she is clothed in fine linen and purple..... *(have to look hot all the time...)* 23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.....*(she has to make sure he looks good...)* 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes..... 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. 26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue..... 27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness..... 28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

-some of us hear that and think, *WOW, I suspected I might not be doing enough, but now I have Biblical Evidence of that fact*

Motherhood can feel like an ongoing game of Simon.

-Explain the game and the connection

-eventually it is super complicated, super demanding, and it has to happen so fast

-beep boop, dupe boop beep cloop, beep beep beep doop ,, cloop duke, donk donk beep duke neek..... *Some how you do it you recreate it*

-but before you can even celebrate how you nailed it, the next sequence is coming and you have to focus so you can hopefully keep up

-it isn't until you mess up the order of the beeps and cloops that you finally have a moment to reflect

-but then all you can reflect on is how you messed it up

-There are all these thankless responsibilities that just keep coming and the only time there is ever a pause it is not to recognize what you have done, it is the **buzzing sound your brain makes** when you don't live up to the list.

-But let me ask you a question: Is it possible that there was a premeditated insufficiency designed into you?

-is it possible that the one who built you, designed you to have some strength but not enough ,,,, some know how, but not enough,,,, some ability to juggle a million things, but not enough

-is it possible that you have abilities that closely mirror the demands but don't quite match them????

-Isaiah 40:28-31 The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. (source....) He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. 29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; *(even those who seem perfectly suited for a task still reach a limit and break....)*. 31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

-even youths grow weary::::: **YOUTH IS THE PICTURE** of endless energy

-but even those with endless energy will run out

-but the Lord is the source and he will not ever run low or run out,,,, *his understanding, his strength, his wisdom*

What if your Insufficiencies are actually Reservoirs designed to collect a strength that is not your own.

-What if you have been resenting places of lack in you that were Intentionally hollowed?

-What if God's intention has always been for his strength to be made perfect in your weakness?

-what if valleys and gullies in you were meant to be reservoirs of him

-What if that long list in proverbs 31 intentionally painted so many targets that you should know that you were never intended to hit them all yourself?

-Proverbs 31:29 Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.

-there are some who do it good,, but we are talking about an expectation much higher than good
30 Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting. but a woman who FEARS THE LORD is to be praised
-she is the one who meets the impossible standard,, she is the one who is **BETTER THAN GOOD**
better than noble
-at the end of the chapter we finally find out who the hero is... **the woman who "fears the Lord"**

-Her secret was NEVER IN HOW she executed her many tasks.

-her secret was somehow locked up in the nature of her interaction with God

-“FEAR” of the Lord::: the actual Hebrew word is YAW-RAY: really means

-to stand in AWE of -to Revere. -to be Astonished by

-Who has ever experience Utter Astonishment at something in life?

-it doesn't happen often,, but when it does you cant help but just be totally still and just stare

-you are not doing anything,,,, what you are witnessing is just so overwhelming that it just takes time and looking for your brain to take it in

-To fear the Lord is essentially to sit idle in his presence waiting for your senses and your mind to process the backlog that the revelation of his greatness creates.

-So now lets think back through this proverb again with that in mind.

-some women are good and do noble things,, but there is a woman who is surpasses everyone else

-she is the one who is **UTTERLY AWE STRUCK** and **ASTONISHED** on a regular basis by the overwhelming **GLORY** of **HER FATHER IN HEAVEN**

-His excess soaked into the soil of her life causes her to: rise at hours when others still sleep, to care for all the needs and wants of her family,,, food,,, clothing,,, money,,, care,,,,,, teaching,,,,,,, her family is so well cared for that with her spare time and money she is caring for all the poor of the land,,, she even hand makes the sheets on the bed she evidently never lies down in

-All of this is because there were hollow places in her that were filled with the Lord.

-she had a revelation of his greatness and rather than scurrying off,, she sat soaking him in ,,,, turning all the low lying areas in her into reservoirs of him

-now what spills out of her is the overcoming sufficiency of Her Father

Look more closely now at verse 25

-Proverbs 31:25 She IS CLOTHED WITH strength and dignity;

-She wears a strength and dignity that are not her own. Someone has clothed her in it.

- there is one who is waiting and wanting for you to relax in his presence
- one who wants you to sit still in his sufficiency
- one who wants you to sense your value solely in your Identity as his DAUGHTER
- as a father he wants to drape a cloak of STRENGTH and dignity over your shoulders**

-Picture of Lake Tahoe:

- This picture is lake tahoe,,this lake is the direct result of the snow that falls in those mountains
 - the snow eventually melts and runs down the mountains filling this low lying area creating Lake Tahoe
- There is nothing this lake has to do but **be Hollow and wait** at the feet of these mountains
- It has to sit still long enough to catch the water as it comes
- If and when it does this Lake acts as a Natural Reservoir ,, the people who live in the desert surrounding the lake survive off the water in an otherwise parched land
 - actually due to record snowfall this year Lake Tahoe has TOO MUCH WATER ,, they are having to let some out.... Right now they can survive 3 years of drought
 - it is THAT FULL of what is running off the mountain

-But what if the Lake were personified:

- what if it looked around and got anxious at how needy everything around it is
- what if it couldn't help but jump into action
 - rather than sitting there to catch the water as it melted

-Mothers, You need 1 primary objective,,,,,, not twenty. If you wait on the Lord,, if you STAND IN AWE,, astonished by him,,,,, soaking him in

- he will fill your reservoir making you deep enough and wide enough and to overflow filling all the needs that surround you

-This is a one time thing and a continual thing.

- on one level just understanding this truth should be considerably freeing.
- on another level we have to create a discipline to just relax in God's presence
 - to daily BE THAT RESERVOIR,, to resist the temptation to run off chasing the day,, before we have FEARED The Lord,, before we have WAITED ON HIM and been renewed....

-to start our day as a daughter with our Father and let him clothe us in Strength and dignity

-3 Assignments:

- 1. Relax in his provision.**
- 2. Rejoice in his celebration of you.**
- 3. Be clear about Cause and Effect.**

-God provided Jesus so that you are eternally more than enough in his sight.
-And God has given his Holy Spirit, who will clothe you with power as you sit in his presence.

-relax, you are enough. -in Christ you are enough
-you have THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD CLOTHING YOU WITH POWER,,, your efforts clothed in his strength are enough

-His embrace of you has covered you with a Dignity that far exceeds what the approval of people can bestow. *(even if that person is you)*

-Stop trying to achieve your way into feeling of sufficient.

-he clothes you in dignity

Being clothed in Dignity and Strength are not the result of being Supermom, THEY RESULT IN IT.

-The cause is you Resting in him, you rejoicing in him, you filling your reservoir with him.

-when you do that low places become reservoirs overflowing in the kind of life ONLY HE COULD BRING THROUGH YOU.

-the life we read about in proverbs 31

-That chapter is not a prescription for action on our part. That chapter is a description of what pours forth from the life of a Woman Firmly Rooted in a Relationship of ASTONISHMENT with her Father.

-that astonishment holds her in his presence long enough for his run off to fill her reservoir which causes her life to OVERFLOW with his Strength and Dignity.