

Women & More
A 'call' and 'walk' Experience

At Wit's End

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Comes a day when we're at the end of ourselves; our ability to endure, to persevere, and, certainly, to figure it all out—*wit's end*. This is the point we need to come to turn homeward—heavenward. Take hope, as this is the same place God will lead our wandering, erring children—precisely the point at which they're ready for God's marvelous *grace*.

“Always remember
that it is not knowledge of the way that God requires of us, but
practice of the way.”

Francois Fenelon

*Win them because of your witness;
not in spite of it!*

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Psalm 127:3

Proverbs 22:6

Malachi 4:6a

Ephesians 6:4

Hebrews 4:16

Scripture to Memorize:

Proverbs 14:26 *“He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge.”*

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. Describe a situation in your life where you knew it was only by God's *grace* that you came through it?

2. How do you show *grace*—tough love—to your children by allowing them to own their relationship with God as He deals with them?
Example: Encourage with Scripture...

3. On a scale of 1 to 10 how would you rate your ability to let God deal with your children?
 How much are you willing to let them struggle for *grace* sake?

1 _____ 10

GOD'S GRACE IS
 MERCY ♥ FAVOR
 SAVING
 TRANSFORMING
 SUSTAINING
 SUFFICIENT
 AMAZING

Recommended Reading:

Everyday Grace: Having Hope, Finding Forgiveness, and Making Miracles, Marianne Williamson
God, Don't Give Up On Us, (performed by Jessica Andrews)
When God Writes, Les and Leslie Parrot

WHY GOD MADE MOMS

These are the answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What kind of a little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed..
3. I guess mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.
4. Moms have magic; they make you feel better without medicine.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet (dye it). You know...her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

