

A MOTHER'S DAY CARD ... LOVE, GOD

Proverbs 31:10

INTRODUCTION: WHAT MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

GOD CREATES MOTHERS

By the time the Lord made mothers, He was into His sixth day of working overtime. An Angel appeared and inquired, *"Why are you spending so much time on this one?"* And the Lord answered and said, *"Have you seen the spec sheet on her? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic, have 200 movable parts, all replaceable, run on black coffee, or tea, and leftovers, have a lap that can hold three children at one time and that disappears when she stands up, have a kiss that can cure anything from a scraped knee to a broken heart, and have six pairs of hands!"*

The Angel was astounded at the requirements for this one. *"Six pairs of hands! No Way!"* said the Angel. The Lord replied, *"Oh, it's not the hands that are the problem. It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers must have! One pair of eyes are to see through the closed doors when she asks, "What are you kids doing in there?" Another pair in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know. And of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, "I understand and I love you without uttering so much as a word."*

The Angel tried to stop the Lord. *"This is too much work for one day. Wait until tomorrow to finish."* *"But I can't!"*, the Lord protested, *"I am so close to finishing a creation that is so close to my own heart. She already heals herself when she is sick AND can feed a family of six on a pound of hamburger and can get a nine year old to stand in the shower!"* The Angel moved closer and touched the woman. *"But you have made her so soft, Lord."* *"She is soft,"* the Lord agreed, *"but I have also made her tough. You have no idea what she can endure or accomplish."* *"Will she be able to think?"* asked the Angel. The Lord replied, *"Not only will she be able to think, she will be able to reason, and negotiate."*

The Angel then noticed something and reached out and touched the woman's cheek. *"Oops, it looks like you have a leak with this model. I told you that you were trying to put too much into this one."* *"That's not a leak,"* the Lord objected, *"That's a tear!"* *"What's the tear for?"* the Angel asked.

The Lord said, *"The tear is her way of expressing her joy, her sorrow, her disappointment, her pain, her loneliness, her grief, and her pride."*

The Angel was impressed. *"You are a genius Lord, this woman is amazing."*

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Listen to what God writes on the inside of His Mother's Day Card to you:

1. WHEN YOU FEEL DISCOURAGED — Isaiah 40:27-30

²⁷ O Israel, how can you say the Lord does not see your troubles? How can you say God refuses to hear your case?

²⁸ Have you never heard or understood? Don't you know that the Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth? He never grows faint or weary. No one can measure the depths of His understanding.

²⁹ He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; He offers strength to the weak. ³⁰ Even youths will become exhausted, and young men will give up.

2. WHEN YOU FEEL ANGRY — Ephesians 4:26 - 27

²⁶ And "don't sin by letting anger gain control over you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ for anger gives a mighty foothold to the Devil.

3. WHEN YOU NEED HELP — Proverbs 3:5-6 –

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

⁶ Seek His will in all you do, and He will direct your paths.

Psalms 32:8 – "I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you."

4. WHEN YOU FEEL TIRED — Matthew 11:28

"Come unto Me, all you who labor and are over-burdened, and I will give you rest."

Psalms 46:1 – "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

5. WHEN YOU ARE WORRIED — Philippians 4:6 – 7

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. ⁷ If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 5:7 – "cast all your cares upon Him, because He cares for you."