



Perfect Moms?

Luke 1:26-38

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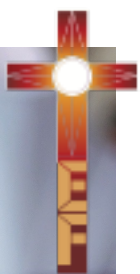


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*Mother's
Day*









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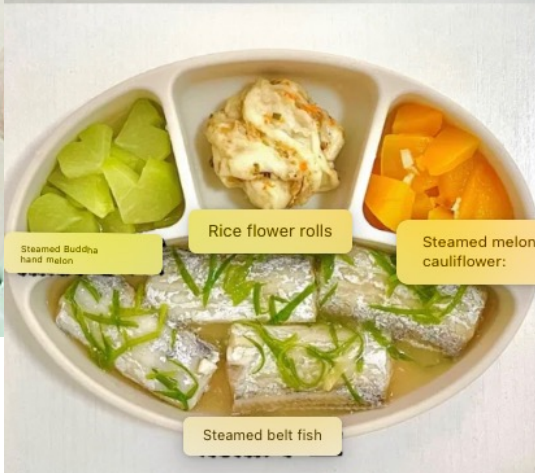
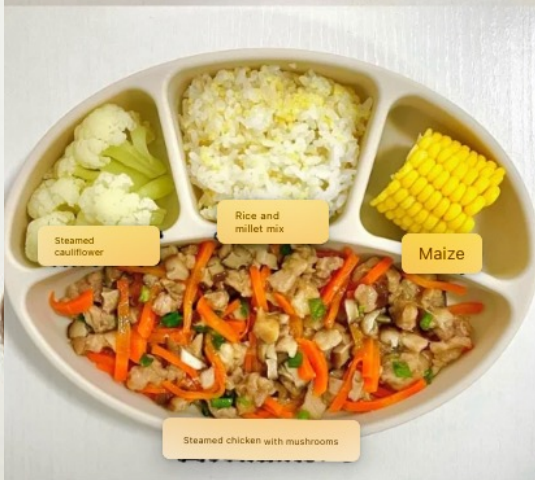


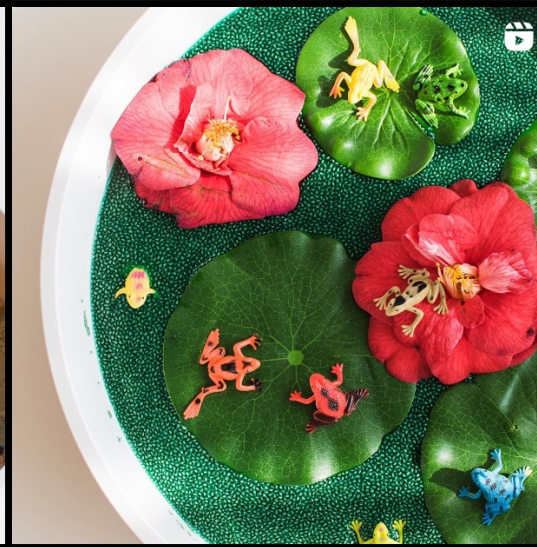
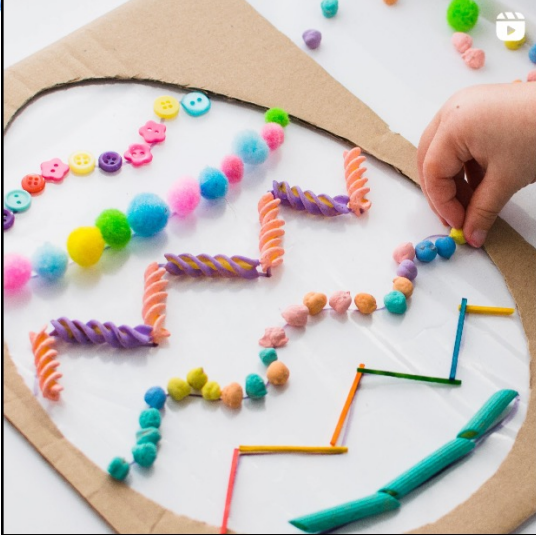
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Steamed belt fish

Steamed eggs with Yuyao meat pie







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**I'M NOT A PERFECT
MOM, BUT I'M PERFECT
FOR MY KIDS**

NIECY NASH





What does it mean to be a
mother?







Mothers are basically part of a scientific experiment to prove that sleep is not a crucial part of human life.



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"M" it's for the millions of things she gave.

"O" is for one of a kind.

"T" is for teacher and giver.

"H" is for heart of gold.

"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining.

"R" means right, and right she'll always be.

**Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER"
a word that means the world to me.**





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- Strengths/Being strong for your children
- Taking care of your children's physical needs
- **Teaching/Disciplining/Modeling for your children**
- Setting your children as priority in life
- Equipping your children for the world
- Loving the your children unconditionally





Being a Mother Perfect for Our Kids

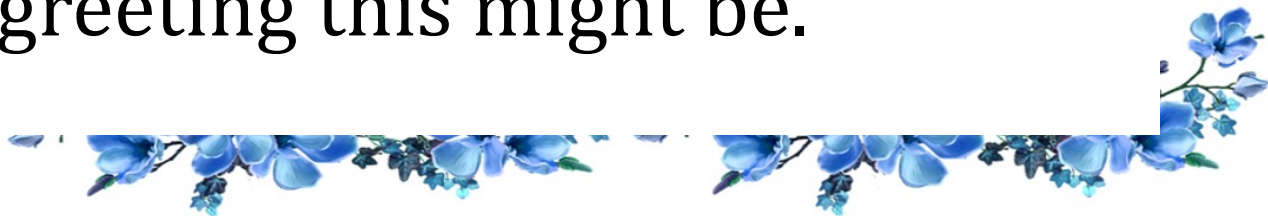
1. Remember that we are God's children (Galatians 3:26-27)
2. Accept that we are not in control
3. Submit to God (Proverbs 3:5-6)
4. Do NOT compare (Romans 12:6-8)





1. Remember We're God's Children

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent **the angel Gabriel** to **Nazareth**, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to **a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David**. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ Mary was **greatly troubled** at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.





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- Our identity doesn't change when we become mothers





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- Galatians 3:26-27

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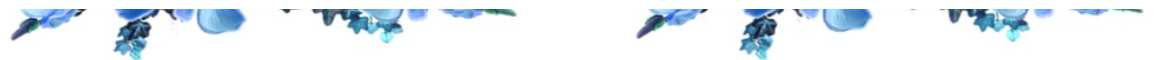
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³⁵ The angel answered, “**The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.** So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.” ³⁸ “**I am the Lord’s servant,**” Mary answered. “**May your word to me be fulfilled.**” Then the angel left her.





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- Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.





4. Do NOT Compare

- Culturally taught to compare
- Social Media makes it natural to compare
- Community for support





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- Romans 12:6-8

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is **prophesying**, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is **serving**, then serve; if it is **teaching**, then teach; ⁸ if it is to **encourage**, then give encouragement; if it is **giving**, then give generously; if it is to **lead**, do it diligently; if it is to **show mercy**, do it cheerfully.





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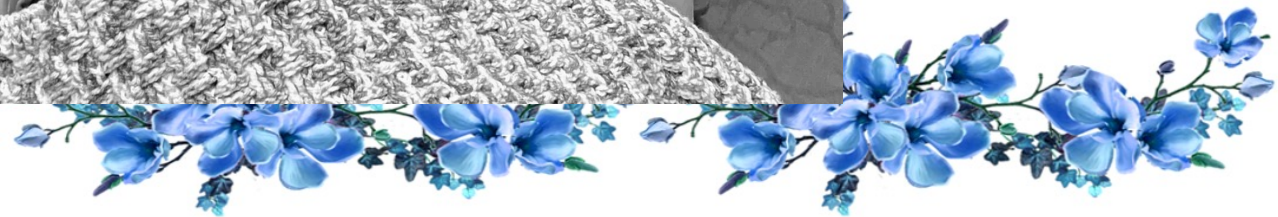
Our Plans vs. God's Plans

- Proverbs 19:21 Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.





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- Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.







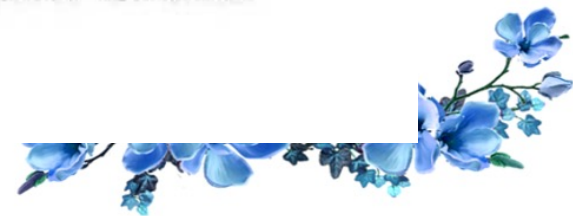
God loves your child more than you do. You need to get that. You may have given birth to them, but He gave life to them, He gave breath to them, and He has a purpose for them. And there's not a pandemic big enough or a school year weird enough that can change His plan for them.

Ignore the noise of the world.

Listen to the voice of God.

Rest in the Hands that are holding your child

-- and you, too.





Passing on the Legacy

- 2 Timothy 1:5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

