

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

FAMILY & GROUP DISCUSSION



INTRODUCTION

2 Timothy 1:7 says that God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power, love, and self-control. Many times parenting is scary, especially for new parents that aren't totally sure of what they are doing. No parent wants to hurt or crush their child. However, when we live our lives in fear instead of walking in God's freedom, we do exactly that--we crush those around us. We set up little gods or idols for ourselves that cannot handle the weight of godhood; they cannot bring lasting satisfaction or real salvation.

It is only through Christ and His love that we can find true peace and ultimate satisfaction because salvation is secure and real. When we live in light of God's salvation, we can live in the joy that comes with knowing He is sovereign and trustworthy. As parents, this should be a huge weight off of our shoulders. This doesn't lessen our responsibility, but it does mean that God's plan for our children is better than our own. All we can do is dedicate our children and ourselves to following Him and His ways the best we can, and give Him all the glory. For those who don't have children, living in a spirit of love, and not fear, is an invitation to love and disciple both parents and children in your community.

TODAY'S VERSES:

- DEUTERONOMY 10:14
- 1 CORINTHIANS 10:14
- PSALMS 18:12
- 1 JOHN 4:18-19

DISCUSSION

Did you call your mom on Mothers Day?
In dedication, parents commit to live in a way that honors God in their life. What things do you hope to model to your children? What things do you actually model?

EXPLANATION

If you have dedicated your children, what did it mean to you?
Why was it important?
In what ways does your parenting reflect that God is sovereign?
Who holds you accountable by speaking truth into your parenting?

APPLICATION - Read 1 John 4:18-19

How has God's love taken some of the fear out of relationships? (Parenting, family, romance, friendships)
What things in your life have you placed the weight of godhood on?

MISSION

What does helping other parents live in God's Spirit of love look like?