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What Is A Grandmother?



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(By a third grader)

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own. She likes other people's little girls and boys. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes for walks with boys, and they talk about fishing and stuff like that.

Grandmothers don't have to do anything except be there. They're old so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the market where the pretend horse is, and have a lot of dimes ready. Or if they take us for walks, they should slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They should never say, "Hurry Up."

Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandmothers don't have to be smart, only answer questions like, "Why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?"

Grandmothers don't talk baby talk like visitors do, because it is too hard to understand. When they read to us they don't skip or mind if it is the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because they are the only grown-ups who have time. (cont. page 2)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mother's Day — May 12, 2024
- Armed Forces Day — May 18, 2024
- Day of Pentecost — May 19, 2024
- Victoria Day — May 20, 2024
- Trinity Sunday — May 26, 2024
- Memorial Day — May 27, 2024



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On Mother's Day this year I would like to give a special thank-you for Grandmothers. My Grandma went to be with Jesus in the summer after I completed 5th grade....but I have many special memories of her. I remember her reading to me....making me a bowl of cereal in the middle of the morning when I had not eaten my breakfast that day, and making sure that Captain Kangaroo was turned on at 8:00 each morning.

Mostly, I remember on Saturdays going with her downtown Indianapolis on the city bus. She would go to the bank, pay bills and then we would window shop. Our favorite store was Woolworths. It had everything...and the toys were in the basement. The last department we would stop in before leaving to catch the bus home was the huge candy counter in the middle of the main floor. There were a row of windows where different candy would be waiting for someone to choose it. My Grandma always bought some of the squishy, orange "peanuts" candy. I was never too excited about that because those were for her...I did not like them. Next, she would have the man take his scoop and fill a white paper bag with malted milk balls. I couldn't wait to get on the bus then because I knew I would have one of those sweet candy balls to munch on. Finally...if I had been good....and in my grandma's eyes, I was ALWAYS good, she would buy for me a long row of suckers wrapped in cellophane paper for me to enjoy until our next trip to town the following week.

Mainly, I remember the feeling of being safe, loved, and important. I don't believe that there is anyone who can give this security to child any better than a grandmother. So, happy Mother's Day to all of the Grandmothers...happy Mother's Day, Grandma!!!

Love, Pastor Deb

Bible Verses About the Storms of Life

He is greater than any circumstance you are facing in this very moment.

Are you facing an enormous storm in your life? Do your circumstances seem overwhelming? Do you fear the future? If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, it is important that you remember that God is bigger than your circumstances. The Bible tells us "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9). It's important to have faith in God even when you're dealing with any storm in life, but this can be especially difficult when you're anxious or fearful. This is easier said than done when you think of all the things around that can insight fear and despair. Being anxious-natured can make your problems feel colossal and cause us to lose sight of the one thing that can pull us through – our Father in Heaven. The truth is, we have hope through the promises of God that we can find directly in Scripture. Here are five Bible verses about the storms of life.

Second Corinthians 12:9

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

God will give you strength when you're dealing with the storms of life. When it comes to dealing with life's circumstances, know that there are certain things outside your control, so don't focus on changing every little thing. Instead, identify, celebrate and embrace what you can learn from the situation. Instead of dwelling on the "what ifs" and the negatives of a given situation, focus on the power you have within yourself to define your own happiness; living one day at a time and enjoying one moment at a time. When you let go of the little things, you can see life in an entirely new way.

Psalms 91:1-2

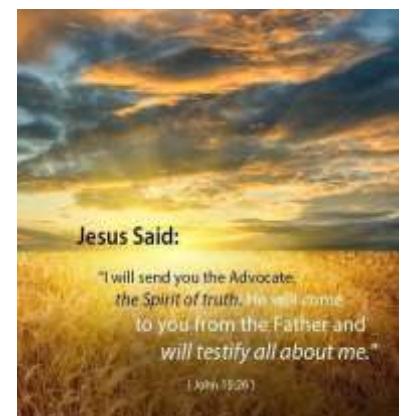
"Whoever goes to the Lord for safety, whoever remains under the protection of the Almighty, can say to Him, 'You are my defender and protector. You are my God; In You I trust.'"

God isn't always trying to teach us something new in our trials and hardships. Sometimes, God wants to unlearn certain habits, patterns and behaviors that hold us back from being our happiest. He also wants us to trust in Him as our protector and a guide for growth. When you can accept hardships as pathways to peace, not looking at circumstances as forms of defeat but as opportunities for growth and strength, our lives can then be transformed.

Psalms 57:12

"Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in You my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by."

God has taught and continues to teach many things through life's storms. He is teaching us how to live out of His strength by walking after His Spirit. Through faith, you will find your identity in Christ, which will calm the



pounding waves that make you feel fearful, desperate or worthless. Jesus accepts us for who we are in Him rather than how we perform. This truth will calm your soul in the midst of life's storms. (cont on pg 3)

Matthew 8:26-27

“And he said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?’ Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

When you surrender your life to God especially when you're dealing with life's storms, you are following His lead without knowing where He's sending you. You're waiting on God's timing without knowing when it will come. You're expecting a miracle without knowing what God will provide. You're also trusting God's purpose without understanding the circumstances. You know you're surrendered to God when you rely on God to work things out instead of trying to manipulate others, force your agenda and control a situation. This is when you're truly letting go and letting God handle everything. You don't have to always be in charge. Instead of trying harder, you trust more.



Psalm 46:1

“God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.”

We are called to this Earth for a specific purpose, with a specific purpose, even when we don't always know what that purpose is. What we should always focus on is the fact that we are safe with God and that He is in control. Learn to accept that you can't control or change certain life circumstances, so we need to relinquish control. The only thing you can change in life is you. Have the courage to acknowledge your strengths and weaknesses. Take an honest look at yourself and acknowledge that you're not perfect and work on what you can. This is the first step

on the journey of change within.

None of the storms you will go through in life will be enjoyable. They can cause much pain. Yet, even in our regrets, God comforts us with His faithfulness. Whatever battle you are in, you stand victorious when you trust in God. One great way to combat the storms of life is to pray. The great thing about prayer is that it can help us channel a hope that we didn't even know we could access. Allow the power of prayer to work on your life and watch incredible things happen.



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8 Surefire Ways to Resist Satan

We have the power to break free from spiritual bondage.

By Lesli White

We are in bondage to sin, and Satan is at play. While the phrase spiritual bondage does not appear directly in the Bible, Scripture does speak of unbelievers being in bondage to sin. Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin" (John 8:34). There is also biblical truth to the idea of spiritual bondage. It is possible to give the devil a foothold by harboring sins like anger in our hearts. Evil also has a way of taking hold of a person's life, and bad habits are hard to break. For an unsaved person, sin forms a chain that only the Savior can break. If we set ourselves against God, our Heavenly Father, we are putting ourselves in the most significant danger. Yet, when we trust in God, we are safe. Here are eight surefire ways to resist Satan.

Continually study God's Word.

If you're ready to resist Satan and find freedom from spiritual bondage, your greatest need is to study God's Word continually. Meditate upon the Bible day and night to put on God's whole armor that you may be able to overcome the forces of evil effectively. Jesus answered the enemy with the Word of God (Luke 4:1-13). You have the power to do the same.

Praying God's Word is a powerful weapon against the forces of evil. It is the truth going out. It reminds us that God knows our way and understands what we face today.

Know the truth and practice it.



Knowing the truth and continue practicing it is the key to freedom from Satan. Unless we see the truth and apply it, the knowledge we possess is useless and worthless as it accomplishes absolutely nothing in us. Knowing that medicine will cure you of some illness is virtually empty if not taken or swallowed: Truth must be learned and applied. The key is not to make learning the supreme objective but living the truth, the supreme goal. Those who fail to walk in faith do not enjoy the freedom they have in Christ; instead, they remain enslaved to their sinful desires. It's important to remember that Jesus set us free from the bondage of sin and death.

Minister the Word.

Spiritual liberation comes through the ministry of the Word into people's lives. Jesus declared this reality: "You are truly my disciples if you abide in My Word, and you shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32). The keyword here is "abide."

In this verse, Jesus tells His followers precisely in what discipleship consists, abiding in His Word. Jesus said He is the truth and the life. When people consistently ingest the Word of God into their lives, it goes to work effectively in their hearts, liberating them from bounding them.

Renounce.

To "renounce" means to "give up, refuse or resign by formal declaration." Whereas repenting is directed towards God, renouncing is directed towards the enemy. We are revoking any words that contradict God's Word. We are making a formal declaration that will no longer align ourselves with things that oppose God. We are canceling any agreements with the enemy. We must shut the door on the devil, refusing to walk in the ways of the past. Renouncing is how we cut off any right for Satan to bind us or torment us. This is the way we resist them.



Pray without ceasing.

Paul's command in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to "pray without ceasing," can be confusing. It can't mean we are to be in a head-bowed, eyes-closed posture all day long. Paul is not referring to non-stop talking, but rather an attitude of God-consciousness and God-surrender that we carry with us all the time. Every waking moment is to be lived in an awareness that God is with us and that He is actively involved and engaged in our thoughts and actions. When our thoughts turn to worry, fear, discouragement, and anger, we consciously and quickly turn every idea to prayer and every prayer into thanksgiving.

Humble yourself before God.

One thing that disconnects many believers from God is pride. It makes us vulnerable to Satan's attacks. Since pride was the devil's downfall, he also wants it to be ours. He will do everything in his power to use it in his warfare against us. Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride comes before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall." Yet, James teaches us the opposite. One great reminder from James is "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6). Therefore, it's so important to humble ourselves before God. Those who put the world first don't think sin is a big deal. As a result, Satan can play a significant role in their daily lives. This is why we are encouraged to take sin seriously and kneel before God.

Stand in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus calls us to stand in the Holy Spirit's power, from whom we receive all that we need to reject Satan and the ways of the world. James 4:4-10 calls believers to "resist the devil," promising that, when we do, "he will flee from us." This is why it's crucial that we be led by the Holy Spirit as we fight the fight of faith against the devil. Experiencing the Holy Spirit is a privilege given to those who place their trust in Jesus Christ. Once you accept Jesus Christ in your heart, you will receive it. With this privilege comes great responsibility. With the Holy Spirit guiding us, we must seek earnestly to remove ourselves from a context of sin and obey God's commands. Our thoughts and our actions should build up the Kingdom of God.

Repent.

Repent means being "re-penitent" or "again humble." One who is penitent expresses humble or regretful pain or sorrow for sins or offenses. To repent means to come back to that place of humility and sorrow over sin. We are coming back to the One who grants forgiveness. We are not trying something new. We are reaffirming our need for the Savior, deliverer, and redeemer: Jesus. If there is no repentance, we will continue to walk in darkness, deceived by the enemy. If we continue to be deceived, we remain in bondage.

Our Heavenly Father loved us so much that He sent His only Son to live the life we cannot live, die to the death we deserve to die and resurrect from the dead to ascend to glory into dominion over the evil one. Jesus Christ is the provision. He is the path we must follow to recover. Those who acknowledge their enslavement to sin, who are willing to repent and desire to place their trust in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation, can find true comfort in God.



A Mother's Day hymn

Sing praise to our Creator God!
Earth prospers from the way
God "mothers" each new child into
This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood
A channel from above
That longs to share with every child
God's comfort, grace and love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,
Who "mothers" us from birth!
Providing what we truly need
Throughout our lives on earth.

—Peggy Ferrell



Honor your mother

Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers.

At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom's favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother's Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living.

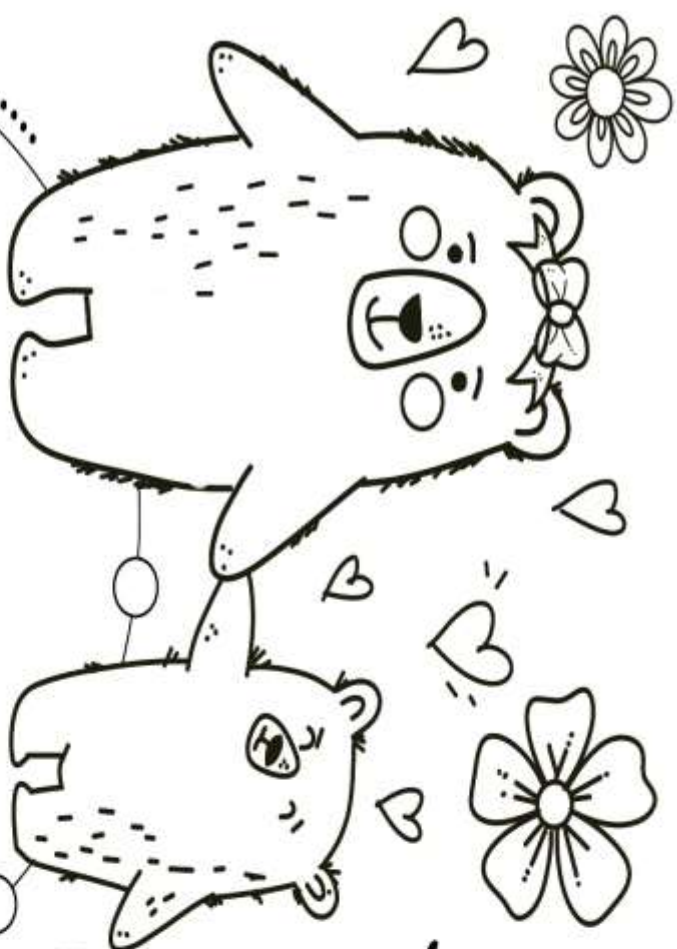
Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they "symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying."



A prayer for families



Dear heavenly Father, we come as your children to praise you for putting us in our family — and in our church family. Thank you for the love and nourishment we receive from the people in whose presence you've placed us. We confess our need for your guidance in our families and congregation. Please grant us harmony in our homes and church body. In all situations, help us show love, patience and respect for one another. In your name we pray. Amen.



My mom's name is _____
 Her favorite color is _____
 Her favorite food is _____

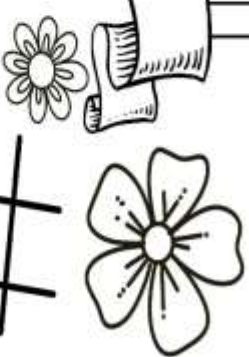


Finish the garden for your mom!

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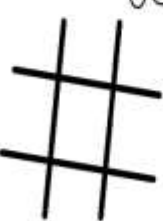
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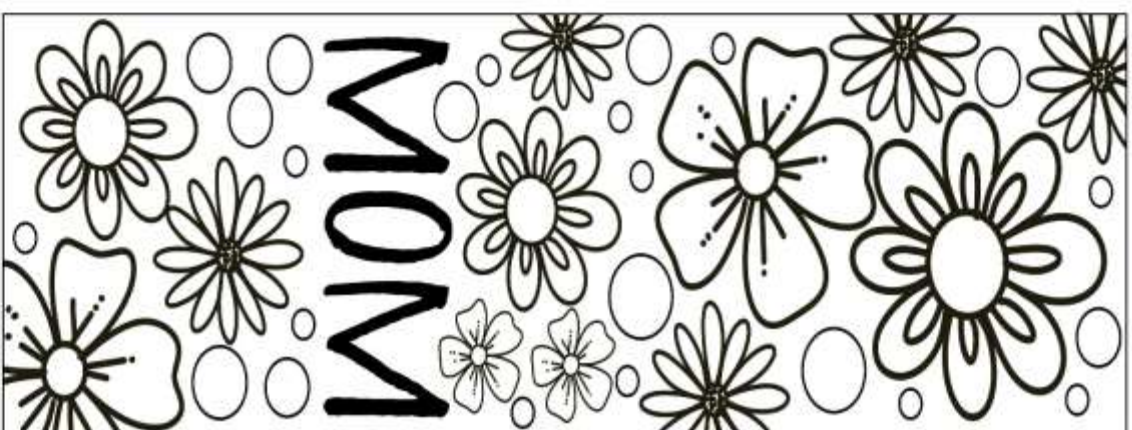
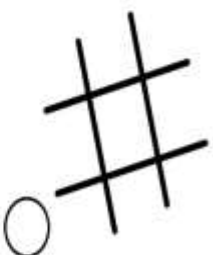
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What forgiveness is — and is not



Forgiveness does not mean ignoring what has been done or putting a false label on an evil act. It means, rather, that the evil act no longer remains as a barrier to the relationship. Forgiveness is a catalyst creating the atmosphere necessary for a fresh start and a new beginning. It is the lifting of a burden or the canceling of a debt.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

“I believe that appreciation is a holy thing—that when we look for what’s best in a person we happen to be with at that moment, we’re doing what God does all the time. So in loving and appreciating your neighbor we’re participating in something sacred.” – Fred Rogers

