

A Word From the Publisher



Happy Mother's Day to all you precious ladies! I have been so blessed to have the best mother in the world and also been blessed to have been surrounded by so many precious ladies throughout my life. I can remember when we moved to Callahan, we lived by Mrs. Rachel and Mr. Arnie Jones. I wasn't in school like my siblings so

Mrs. Rachel would call me (out the window as we didn't have AC) every morning to come over for breakfast. I would go over many times and watch her make cakes with her hand, she didn't have a mixer. She said that way she could feel the texture better. And oh what a cake she could make. I couldn't wait to wash dishes like my siblings did...that was crazy, huh? I remember getting a chair to stand in to wash them!

Then came the years of babysitting...I loved babies. I don't remember getting money but I guess I did. I can remember peeling apples with a potato peeler. Mama was also doing it and I guess I was kind of helping. Except I missed the apple and caught my finger and the blood began. Guess what? I still do not use a potato peeler. Funny the things you can remember. I know I cook a lot like my mom, as I picked up many of her habits. Roger's pretty happy about that! Ha ha!

My heart aches for those of you that have lost your mom. I can't even imagine nor do I want to. Moms are really special people and I can only hope to be half the mom to my children

as mine is. Mom has had some difficult health issues however somehow I didn't know about it until she had been in pain for about 5 months. She has a pain tolerance of about 2000! I don't think I have that quality! She has endured and conquered and continues on. She relies on God and her faith to get her through and God never disappoints. She has a heart of gold and is always there when I need her. And somehow, she senses my hurt too. She can just tell when something is wrong even if it's on the phone. Of course, I've called numerous times to talk to her and when I hear her voice the tears start flowing. She's a true jewel and there's not another one like her. Her prayers are from the heart and she loves her Lord.



I'm also blessed to have a precious mother-in-law. I love it when we go visit her and see her face light up when she sees Roger. I think they could just sit and talk for hours. They truly have a special bond. She is a special woman that also relies on God each day.

I also picked up a few cooking habits from her! She used to have a round metal bowl that she would keep homemade biscuits in. I would always check that bowl when I would visit and eat on. They were even good cold. She finally gave me that recipe and I use it often! My sister says they are the best biscuits ever! She also gave me a quick and easy peanut butter cookie recipe that we love (Roger especially).

My life has truly been blessed by the many ladies that I have known and still know. I have several that drop by the office now and visit! Those are some special times. I'm so thankful for godly mothers and ladies that love the Lord and me too!

Happy Mother's Day!

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