

GRACE IN THE MOTHER LINE

Every mother is someone's daughter first and every woman carries a lineage of experiences, joys, wounds, sacrifices, survival, traditions and prayers that shaped the way she learned to love.

And often, what gets passed down in a family is not just eye color, recipes or mannerisms, it's a way of coping, ways of nurturing, ways of protecting, and ways of survival.

Some of what was passed down to us was beautiful and some was broken and most of it was deeply human.

That's why grace matters in the mother line.

SCRIPTURE / PROVERBS 10:12NIV

"Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs"

1. GRACE FOR WHAT WE ARE HEALING

What did healing look like for you from the relationship with your mother?

When we understand the story behind the mother, we can soften towards the woman. Allow yourself permission to see your mother as a whole person and not just a role.

Radical Love towards our mothers is about honoring the women who loved with what they had, carried what they could and even if they passed down some struggle- they have passed down some strength, too!

The radical love isn't a one way street- we must have a radical love towards our children. Loving them through every stage of life.

How long shall I pray for my children? Pray until what you pray has been accomplished or until you have complete assurance in your heart that IT WILL BE!

"And on the days when I am not sure how to pray for my kids, God whispers, they may feel out of your reach but they are never out of mine."
We have to love out children even if they have chosen a path you didn't expect.

Ephesians 6:4 NLT “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather bring them up with discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.”

Colossians 3:21 NLT “Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will be discouraged.”

Aggravate (Greek): to stir up deep discouragement, to embitter children through overbearing with harsh discipline

Approximately 25% of young adults are now estranged from one or both parents. As of April 2026, about 50% of millennials reported going “no contact” with family members. Most are due to trauma and abuse.

Our families are fractured and in need of healing grace that can only be found in Jesus. God’s grace has the power to heal, redeem, and transform what flows through generations.

2. GRACE FOR WHAT WE ARE KEEPING

STORY: Letter I wrote to my Mom but marked out “Mom” and wrote “Janeen” I said I’m never talking to her again. In 4th grade!!

We learn so much from the relationship between Ruth and Naomi in the bible. One thing that stood out was the way Ruth stuck by Naomi, even when she was bitter.

Ruth and Naomi speak of love, loyalty and devotion. No matter how harsh or bitter Naomi might have felt, we see Ruth operating out of the scripture **(Proverbs 10:12) “Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers all wrongs”**, another version says “a multitude of sins” THIS takes Christ at work in you to love and stay loyal to serving someone

We have had to work through so much as we both learned more about each other. I think some stuff you would rather not know about my lifestyle but I wanted to a deep connection with you and that meant being vulnerable with you- in return you were so patient with me. (STORY of tattoo when I was 17 and needing cream from my mom in bathroom!)

This is something I have chosen to hold onto as I mother my own children.

Exodus 20:12 “Honor your father and mother.”

No matter how hurtful and how much pain we have endured we are commanded to honor our parents. Honor in this passage means to show them respect, care for them, treating them as significant or worthy.

It's hard to be loyal when your mother may have been hurtful or caused pain-physically and emotionally.

What gave you that strength to love so deeply?

3. GRACE FOR WHAT WE ARE GROWING

Proverbs 22:6 NLT “Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.”

Grace is not only needed for where we come from, it's also needed for what we are becoming.

There are things we inherited that we choose to hold onto with deep loyalty and there are other things we lovingly decide that we cannot continue. Grace and healing in our family line is not instant but it involves intentional choices that we make over and over again. It's like learning a new language.

We must have the grace to honor where we came from, while still allowing God to shape something new through us.

Sometimes grace looks like closure.