

Mother's Day Devotion 2020

Proverbs 22:6 - Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 27:17 - As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Mother's Day can bring about a wide variety of emotions depending on your life circumstances on that particular day each year. I remember as a child, some years I would be thrilled for Mother's Day because I was so filled with love for my mother. Other years, I would celebrate my mom out of obligation because it was the right thing to do even though our relationship was strained and I was feeling angry.

As an adult in my 20's, there were many years that I desperately wanted to become a mother and those Mother's Days brought about much sadness. When I became a mother at 29 years old, I was filled with so much joy, except of course those years as my kids got older when I didn't feel they celebrated me enough which brought about disappointment.

This Mother's Day I find myself facing mixed emotions. I'm feeling grateful to be a mom of three great young adults but feel sad that my own mother lives far across the country which makes it difficult to maintain a close relationship. I also feel broken-hearted for so many of my friends who are grieving the loss of their mothers.

Whatever life circumstances we find ourselves in this Mother's Day, I pray that we can all be grateful for the women God has placed in our lives over the years that have encouraged us, inspired us, and shaped us into the people God has created us to be. These women can have many "titles" and roles - mothers, step-mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, teachers, neighbors, friends, or mentors. May we celebrate these women with fond memories this Mother's Day and be reminded that we all have special gifts to make a difference in the lives of others regardless of our official "titles" or roles as Proverbs 22:6 and Proverbs 27:17 reminds us.