

Today's Theme

# “Moms’ Matter”

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**Different kinds of moms’ (For fun today):**

**What is a *marshmallow* mom?**

A marshmallow mom is a total pushover. She takes the shape of the parent her child wants her to be.

**What is a *dolphin* mom?**

A dolphin mom is like the body of the dolphin, they are firm yet flexible. They have rules and expectations but also value creativity and independence.

**What is a *tiger* mom?**

A very strict mother who makes her children work particularly hard and restricts their free time so that they continually achieve the highest grades.

**What is a *unicorn* mom?**

A unicorn mom is: “a mother who’s not perfect, enjoys alcohol, has a sense of humor and couldn’t care less what you think.”

**What is a *jellyfish* mom?**

A mom who’s not authoritarians. They project high warmth and communication but take little control, tolerate inconsistent daily routines, and provide few clear expectations for their kids.

**What is an *umbrella* mom?**

A umbrella mom is one who does what it takes to get their child’s needs served, also known as a “helicopter mom” refers to one who’s hovering over their child’s every move.

**What is a *snowplow* mom?**

A mom that seeks to remove all obstacles from a child’s path so they don’t experience pain, failure, or discomfort.

**What is a *fancy* mom?**

A fancy mom is in high heels, her makeup looks perfect, and you want to know where she bought her clothes.

**What is a *pajama* mom?**

She’s comfy, cozy, and maybe doesn’t match, but she doesn’t care.

## 1. Moms' play a *critical* role in a family.

### (1) We are literally *connected* to mom early on.

Luke 1:41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. . . 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. . . . 56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

### (2) Moms' make extraordinary *sacrifices*.

### (3) Often mom is the *emotional* backbone.

Luke 2:18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

## 2. Different ways to *tackle* motherhood.

### (1) Being a *transactional* mom through the years.

*Transactional* people tend to:

1. Check all the *right* boxes.
2. Make *lists* to get things done.
3. To value *order & structure*.

### (2) Being a *relational* mom through the years.

*Relational* people tend to:

1. Want to be *with you & value* others.
2. Want *connection* with others.
3. To *show up* during *rough* times.

### (3) Reality is you need to be *both* regularly.

God is a God of *order*.

Man's honored *leaving* an inheritance.

Jesus *loving* the woman at the well.

Jesus wants us to *love* others.

Paul's *healed* relationship w/Mark.

## 3. A mom who *follows* Jesus wants:

### (1) A Son/Daughter who's in a *relationship* w/God.

John 17:3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.  
Col 2:13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,  
Prov 30:11 "There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers; 12 those who are pure in their own eyes and yet are not cleansed of their filth;  
Mark 8:36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

### (2) A Son/Daughter who *follows* Jesus.

Eph 5:1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1 Cor 11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

3 John 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Proverbs 29:15 A rod and a reprimand impart wisdom, but a child left undisciplined disgraces its mother.

### (3) A Son/Daughter who does *right* things.

James 4:17 If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

1 Peter 2:20 But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

Proverbs 23:23 Buy the truth and do not sell it— wisdom, instruction and insight as well. 24 The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him. 25 May your father and mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!  
Proverbs 10:1 A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.