

# His Grace Abounds

## Mother's Day

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May 10, 2020

### I. Welcome & Happy Mother's Day

### II. Introductions of people on stage

### III. Meditation: [Philippians 1:3-11](#)

#### [Matthew 6:4](#)

"Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

### IV. Discussion with Kris & Tracy

#### 1. Brian Flewelling asks Tracy

Coronavirus life has been a demand on moms. Families are eating, working, playing, and fighting all in the same space right now. There is just nowhere to get away from each other. Some moms have 3, 4, 5 kids in the home that might need attention with schooling. But in general, I think in motherhood there is this feeling like, "there's nowhere to get away." Mothers are constantly "on."

- How do you connect to the Lord and draw strength from his life and joy when unique and stressful demands are being made of you from 6:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.?

#### 2. Brian Coles asks Kris

The season of motherhood is one in which women make significant sacrifices, they push pause on their talents, their personal interests, their calling. You are changing diapers at every hour of the day, or you are running your children to every activity known to man...

- How do you balance your personal calling and talents with the immediate demands of family, or career, or responsibilities of life?
- If feels like it's so easy to slip into survival mode. How do you maintain a positive attitude, a thriving attitude...?

#### 3. Brian Coles asks Kris & Tracy

Being present over perfect! Being with your family and not comparing yourself to every other crafty, beautiful, funny, professional Mom or family on the internet.

- It can be so easy to focus on the negative.
- How do you choose joy when you're constantly correcting?
- Embrace the moments, even if we don't choose them.

#### 4. Brian Flewelling asks Tracy & Kris

Is there a scripture that you sense the presence of the Lord speaking to this community of women right now?

#### 5. Brian Coles asks Kris

As a Mom, what encourages you to hear from your friends, or your husband, or other women?  
(Kris)

6. Optional: Speak to the identity of women right now. Encourage them! There are some women who are discouraged, who have lost their vision. Or maybe men who haven't fully appreciated the investment their wife or daughters are making!

\*Wrap up thoughts, from both

### **Wrap Up & Prayer:** **Brian Flewelling**

### **Unused Notes:**

#### **Possible Questions for Older Women that We Could Pull into the Conversation:**

1. How do you see that being a woman and a Mom is different from when you were raising children? Do you have any advice or perspective you could offer?
2. If you could tell your 28-year-old-self anything...what would you say to her? (feel free to make this funny or serious)
3. Did you have any helpful family practices that kept the Lord at the center of your family?
4. What perspective could you offer to younger women as they try to nurture their personal calling, career, or talents in the midst of sacrificing so much of their energy in their family or children?

#### **Celebrating Moms at Petra**

- A gift, resource, message, pass it along inspirational...
- Zoom call follow up with others.
- Barb Kauffman, Deb Grube, Elsie Newswanger, Deb Bowman, Esther Kulp

#### **Tracy's Themes**

- Choose joy, confidence-- it's a choice
- Perspective, one thought away from better perspective and necessary motivation
- **Tension between, getting by and thriving.** -There's a season to get by, but we are called to thrive, to be strong, and fearless. In order to get there, I think we need to enter into a season of surrendering, taking off, putting away so that we are ready for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- Season of stripping away false idols and being firmly rooted in God. As tectonic plates in our world are shifting, we must have a solid foundation. A real back to basics time in life- praise & worship, prayer, His Word, family
- **Seasons** - it's a season as mothers to get our homes in order. We have allowed our lives to run us around and it's time to set order in place and get things in line (same for fathers)
- If we were drawing near to the end of our time on earth, what would we do differently?
- **Roles** - A mother is a teacher, a friend, a nurse, a chef, a nutritionist, a counselor, a pastor, and a leader. It's a high calling making disciples in our homes. (It's the same for fathers)

#### **Kristina's Themes**

- Quarantine has dismantled these different separations in our life.
- Honoring and appreciating Moms for what they do. Shaping atmosphere. Creating a place of safety. Hearing that I'm doing an amazing job always calms my fears that I'm messing up.

- Importance of feeding my relationship with the Lord even when I don't have a lot of time.
- God meets us in the unseen moments of motherhood. How he has the grace to speak to us while we're doing laundry, disciplining, importance of word in our daily lives and how to cultivate
- Focus on the good and positive, instead of negative (being stuck at home all day)
- Appreciating and enjoying the moments even when we haven't picked them for ourselves.
- Relinquishing perfectionism and the need to get it all right.
- Advancing our gifts and calling in the midst of high home demands.
- Practicing presence
- Connecting to the Father through connection with your children.
- So many mothers put their gifts, talents, and desires on the back burner. Awakening those things need to be talked more with mothers.
- Never see women climbing the mountain. Men have to come to meet God. That's why God comes to meet women.