

Every year I find it so hard to sit down and write a devotional, but I feel the tug on my heartstrings to share a small tidbit of what God is teaching me in this season. But when it comes down to it, I'm not sure what the Holy Spirit is putting on my heart. As a stay-at-home mom, what do I have to share that would mean anything to anyone else, not in a season like this, but here we are and I lay what He put on my heart before you.

One thing that has been on my mind lately is how to instill a love of God in my young son. I have been blessed with this little guy, it's a privilege and a great honor with a ton of responsibility. God entrusted this little guy to our care, he chose us to be his parents but first and foremost, he belongs to God. It's our responsibility to steward over him and live our lives as an example to bring Him glory. But, I can't choose God for him, only my son can make that choice to open his heart, repent and turn to the living God for forgiveness and life. It takes a lot of pressure off sure, but it also feels like a great risk. But it's not risky to trust God. He knit this little boy together in the womb. He knew about him before he was even a fragment of an idea in our mind, and He knows him better than I ever will. No doubts or questions he has can stump Him. No mistake or choice or decision or fleeing his presence can remove God's compassion for him.

*Isaiah 40:28*

*Have you never heard?*

*Have you never understood?*

*The LORD is the everlasting God,*

*the Creator of all the earth.*

*He never grows weak or weary.*

*No one can measure the depths of his understanding.*

I want to teach him all these things about the world but if he doesn't have a firm foundation in the LORD, what does it matter? He needs to know his creator and savior. But it's not up to me. God is the one who has to lead him there, open his heart to hear the truth, and accept Jesus's unrelenting love and forgiveness. It is so scary to step back and entrust his soul with God, but His are the only capable hands to leave his soul with.

2nd Chronicles 20:15b This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's.

God is the one who wages the war for our soul, He knows what trials will bring us closer to Him, acknowledge our sinfulness, repent, and open our hands and heart for forgiveness and redemption. The Holy Spirit works in us and teaches us to trust God wholeheartedly, even when we can't see what's

coming next. We often focus on our current circumstances, but God is always doing more than we can see or understand in the moment and He has the eternal in perspective. He's changing hearts, healing past hurts, and gradually transforming His people to be more and more like Him day by day.

His yoke is easy, and His burden is light. It's our job to read His word, invite the Holy Spirit into our own lives, be in relationship with Him and learn to trust more and more. Be honest about our questions, vulnerable about our fears, and open to the process that is sanctification. We submit our loved ones to Him in prayer, ask for opportunities to share what God has done in our lives, and trust the Holy Spirit to do the rest.