

God's Abundance for Mothers

[Ephesians 3:16-21 HCSB](#) *I pray* that He may grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, (17) and that the Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith. *I pray that* you, being rooted and firmly established in love, (18) may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of *God's love*, (19) and to know the Messiah's love that surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (20) Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think--according to the power that works in you-- (21) to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Introduction:

Today, raising a child in our indulgent, American environment can be breathtakingly difficult. Today's children are often so caught up in the materialism of our self-centered world that raising them to be caring, compassionate servants of God is no picnic. Of course there are those occasional times of compensation.

A little boy invaded the dress department of a big department store and said to the salesperson, "I want to buy my mom a dress, but I don't know what size." "Is she tall or short, fat, or skinny?" asked the clerk. "Well, she's just perfect," answered the boy. She wrapped-up a "size 8" for him. Two day's later Mom came and exchanged the dress for a "size 16."

This morning I want to take a couple of minutes to remind our ladies that they don't have to be perfect. They don't have to make every ball game. They don't have to have perfectly clean houses and immaculate dinner settings. We'll even love you if you show up in your favorite ratty bathrobe and curlers! But more importantly, I want to remind you of your source of strength. I want to redirect your minds toward the energy, the power, the possibilities that lie close at hand for those who turn to God and do not rely on their own strength to make it through the day.

Abundant **Grace** to save us

- [Romans 5:20 HCSB](#) The law came along to multiply the trespass. But where sin multiplied, grace multiplied even more,

Abundant **Pardon** to forgive us

- [Isaiah 55:7 HCSB](#) Let the wicked one abandon his way, and the sinful one his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, so He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will freely forgive.

Abundant **Satisfaction** to full us

- [Psalms 36:8-9 HCSB](#) They are filled from the abundance of Your house; You let them drink from Your refreshing stream, (9) for with You is life's fountain. In Your light we will see light.

Abundant **Peace** to quieten us

- [Philippians 4:7 HCSB](#) And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Abundant **Life** to equip us

- **John 10:10 HCSB** A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and have it in abundance.

Abundant **Joy** to gladden us

- **Philippians 1:25-26 HCSB (25)** Since I am persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your advancement and joy in the faith, **(26)** so that, because of me, your confidence may grow in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Abundant **Power** to energize us

- **Colossians 1:11-14 HCSB (11)** May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy **(12)** giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. **(13)** He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, **(14)** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Conclusion:

As you go through the coming weeks, working outside of the home, keeping the home running, running kids from appointment to appointment, cooking, cleaning and generally trying to be everything for everyone, keep in mind the source of your strength. Every once in a while take some time out for a mid day rendezvous with the Lover of your soul. And then rise up refreshed, renewed and ready to tackle your day.