



—Sally Clarkson—

## Introduction

### 1. God is in control of my life and my children's lives.

For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day. 2 Timothy 1:12

I am God's agent, and my mission is to make His presence known.

It is only as the Holy Spirit works through me that I can bring God's life into my child's heart.

Most of life is for the purpose of training and providing a model of righteousness for our children.

Accept your limitations:

- Your own weaknesses and faults
- Your husband's
- Your children's
- Your circumstances
- Your family situation
- Your personal story

God wants you to choose to rest in Him, to find peace in His presence, and to leave your burdens in His hands. (Psalm 131:1-3)

2. My adequacy is from the Holy Spirit by His grace, not from works.

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus....who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Romans 8:1-4

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:24-30

This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

“Mom, we don’t want you to be perfect, we just want you to be happy!”

3. My strength and joy are found in freedom and grace in Christ, not in rules.

It was for freedom that Christ has set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1

Resist the false standards other people will try to impose on you! For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, “ You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Galatians 5:13-15

Don’t impose your own arbitrary standards on other people!