



## Our Calling in Motherhood

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It had been a good day. It was a day of errands, laundry, reading books together, playing, and caring for my children. I tucked my 3 and 2-year-old into bed, came downstairs, and sat my tired body on the couch. I opened social media to "turn my brain off" for a few minutes before cleaning up from the day. In a matter of moments, I felt my heart go from thankful and satisfied from the day to longing for more and beating myself up for what I hadn't done. My feed was filled with creative lunches for toddlers, colorful crafts, ways to organize toys, parenting quotes, and friends doing things that looked more exciting than a day at home with my children. None of these posts were wrong or sinful, but my heart was. I went from feeling thankful for my day and the opportunity to be home with my children to thinking I needed to do more in my role as a mother.

I Corinthians 7:17 says, "Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, to which God has called Him." The Lord has given us different callings and giftings. He has given us different seasons to walk in and different stories for our lives. My calling is to love my children well in this season and disciple their hearts in Jesus. That may look like making a sandwich in the shape of Mickey Mouse and doing an educational craft that teaches them a Bible Story. It also looks like changing diapers, wiping boo-boos, and caring for their little hearts. The Lord challenged me that night to see how I was being robbed of the joy of my calling as a mother by letting my eyes fix on others rather than Him. I long to be a woman who rests in the Lord in my calling, knowing that which He has called me to is His will.

Whatever your season may be, may you seek to live the life the Lord has called you to. Ask the Lord to help you think about where your joy is being robbed and what it would take for you to feel satisfied in the calling of your life today.

### Let's Chat!

- What does this season of life look like for you?
- Where are you tempted to look at others and compare?
- Why is it important to fix our eyes on Jesus in motherhood?
- How do we live out of the calling the Lord has given to us?

### Take-Away Truth

Comparison robs us of joy, but living the life the Lord has called us to brings joy.

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