



Tender Strength

1. The Power of Presence

Isaiah 66:13 – “As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.”

It means doing things like; _____ beside a hospital bed. _____ when no one else will. And _____ things together when everything feels like it's _____ apart

Q. How present were your parents in your life when you were growing up? How do you think their presence, or lack of presence shaped how you view them and how you view your own kids and grandkids?

2. The Faith of a Mother Passed Down

2 Timothy 1:5 – “I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice...”

Not one big moment, but daily faith that is: _____, Heard and _____ out.

Q. How did your parents or grandparents pass down their faith to you? Did you have big conversations about God in the house? Did you pray on a regular basis? Did you attend church as a family? Maybe they didn't really talk about God at all? How was your faith passed down to you and how can you pass it down to the next generations?

3. Strength The World Overlooks

Proverbs 31:25 – “She is clothed with strength and dignity”

It’s the strength to: Keep _____ when it’s hard. Keep _____ when answers don’t come. Keep going when you’re _____

This is _____ strength—that reflects Christ.

Q. When you hear the word strength, what do you think of? How can someone both be tender and strong?

Q. Today, when we think of strength it is often accompanied by arrogance or a desire for power. Why is it important that the Proverb says that the godly woman was clothed in “strength” and dignity”? How is this counter cultural?