LESSONS I LEARNED FROM MY Mother

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1. Deep, abiding love produces absolute trust in God.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Psalm 37:3-4 (NIV) - Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV) - You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

2. No matter how many times you fall down, keep getting up! Don't give up, don't give in. Endure to the end.

Philippians 3:13-14 (NKJV) - Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 24:13 (NKJV) - But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

3. Life is hard but God is good.

John 16:33 (NIV) - I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Psalm 34:18 (ESV) - The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

4. Find strength through joy.

Nehemiah 8:10 (NKJV) - Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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