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Motherhood completely changes your perspective on Mother's Day. Nothing teaches you how to appreciate your mother more than becoming a mother yourself. Through every challenging moment, you now know what it was like for your own mother. Thank you mama for waking up early and making sure we were fed, even if that meant not eating yourself. Thank you for keeping house even when you knew we would destroy it. When I look around at my own mess of a house, I think to myself how did you keep everything so spotless, despite our efforts to make another mess for you to clean up? Thank you for all the times you must have gotten upset over our silly arguments, broken something important, or made another mess… but still somehow you kept it all together. I can only imagine how hard it must have been hearing your child scream and yell at you in anger… yet still praying for our relationships with one another and with God. Thank you for the years of sleepless nights you must have given up to raise six kids… waiting for a text that we were home, or waiting for us to come up and kiss you goodnight. I may not have understood all your sacrifices for us then, but I sure do appreciate them now. Thank you for taking us to church, reading us Bible stories, and devotions. Because of you, we know about Jesus and His everlasting love. Thank you for investing yourself in all of your children's lives… and never giving up on us. Although you didn't get it all right… I know I will not either. I now see how beautiful and messy motherhood is because of you mama. God gave imperfect me, to imperfect you, and asked us to love each other. I can only hope that one day my children will be able to say that I loved them as well as you loved us. Before I became a mom my perspective on Mother's Day was quite different. Of course, I wanted to celebrate my mom for all the things she does and is. I appreciated my mom, sure. But after you become a mother to your own kids, you appreciate your mom a whole lot more. I now know that my children are the greatest gift I could ever receive on Mother's Day. I hope one day they get to experience the newfound appreciation of their own mother one day as much as I do for my mama. God has used motherhood to make me realize what it means to be someone's mom. I'm so thankful that He gave me the best example I could ever have of what it means to be a mama.

Proverbs 31:28-29
"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."

I hope you feel loved and appreciated this Mother's Day and love and appreciate your own mama for all she has done for you! Happy Mother's Day!

Anne Ministries offers a New and Expectant Mothers Support Group every third Thursday of the month. This month we will be meeting on May 18th at 6:00 PM. We would love for any moms to join us for a time of devotion and fellowship! For more information on this group please contact Mary-Kathryn at (828)387-6228 or Chastity at (919)499-3083.

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