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Psalm 145 [NLT]

I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.

² Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.

³ Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

**⁴ One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.**

**⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.**

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⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

⁹ The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

¹⁰ All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you.

¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,

¹² so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.

¹⁶ You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
Let every creature praise his holy name

for ever and ever.



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The Battle of the Mind

by Angela O'Dell

This month I am not going to write a long article about the battle we face in this world. Instead, I'm going to share a graphic with four simple but thought provoking statements about our minds. I challenge us each to think carefully about each one and see how it applies to our life.

**If you wouldn't say
it to a friend, don't
say it to yourself.**

**If Jesus wouldn't
say it to you,
don't listen to it.**

What you think, you are.

**How you view yourself
reflects your view of God.**

**Romans 12:2
The battle is won or lost in
your mind.**

ANGELA O'DELL

"The Voice of Truth tells me a different story!"



*a deep rooted passion for the importance of a Biblical Worldview
in our home and lives...*

by Jeana Mudd

What are some of your deepest and greatest passions? One of my passions is establishing a Biblical Worldview in our home, even though years ago I did not know that was such a term that defined what was so pressing on our hearts as young parents. When the topic is sparked I understand even greater the passion that lies within to know and love God, to know His Word and to share and impart the foundation of those truths with my children.

“There is no greater joy than to know that my children walk in truth.”

3 John 1:4

The other night as I sat down to consider this passion, in hopes of sharing with you a bit of my heart that you might be encouraged, *I began to write and remember His faithfulness in my life and remember all that He has done, where He has brought us from, how He has grown us, and how He has remained faithful even while I have been faithless at times.*

or somewhere in between, taking the time to reflect on the faithfulness of the Lord in your own life, *in personal ways, the testimony He has given each of us is vital and He uses those stones of remembrance to refresh our souls and reminds us of His great faithfulness that He is at work for our good and His glory!*

He reminded me of the deep rooted passion I have for the importance of a Biblical Worldview in our home and lives. *He reminded me* how He placed that desire there from the beginning and how He directed us as the years passed and we welcomed six children into our home over the span of 9 years. *He reminded me* of how He directed us in vital decisions for our family along the way like reading through the entirety of God's Word with our children who were just babes. When we made the decision to gift our children with their own Bible as a reward for learning how to read and the impact that decision has had on their hearts. How He lead us to direct our children in creating the habit and learning the importance and blessing of daily devotions and going through the entirety of God's Word on their own, knowing it's not something we have to do but rather something we get to do! Leading us to make family Bible time led by Dad a regular part of our lives along with many other vital decisions along this journey that He has been faithful to give us wisdom and direction in.

The Lord is faithful to lead and direct you and your family, what are some of the specific ways He has given you wisdom in the training up of your children to impart a passion for Him and His Word?

As our children grew and we began homeschooling it led to a deepening of a passion tucked deep in our hearts to make sure we were looking at everything we were learning through the lens and foundation of Scripture. *It's been a process of growing personally, as parents and teachers,* and the Lord has grown our understanding and passion for a Biblical Worldview by leaps and bounds. We have begun to see and have words put to our deep rooted passion that every aspect of life and 'school' is in light of God's Word, everything directs us back to the Lord to know Him more deeply and personally. It ignited a fire in our hearts to equip ourselves and our children, to sharpen and prepare our arrows well for battle, to know and stand firm of the truth of God's Word knowing that the world through satan is ready to steal, kill and destroy the minds and hearts of our children with a passion.

I have a great passion as well and beyond that I have Christ, the conquering King of kings, on my side! I am a mother who desires to fight boldly for the

them for the work He has for each of them. I desire that each of my children would live boldly, unashamedly and uncompromisingly for the Lord! I know now more than ever and I'm sure even greater still as the days pass, the great importance of taking this time, this season, of preparing these young precious hearts to stand fast on the truth of His Word! But just like Deuteronomy 6 tells us, the work begins with us and our own hearts and lives first so we then may impart His truth to our children and those God has placed in our lives.

As I sit and think through where the Lord has brought us, where we are now and the road ahead of us that we do not yet know, as I think about the truths He has instilled in our hearts, how He has remained faithful, true to His nature and character, even though we have been faithless at times, even though we have made a great many mistakes along the way and fear would love to creep in only to steal, kill and destroy, I was reminded again as I wrote out our stones of remembrance, of that deep rooted passion. *A reminder to continue steadfastly in the work the Lord has laid before me, before us. It's so easy to lose sight of it in the mundane day to day tasks, in the business of life or during the dark valleys.* But just like the reminder I have for myself in counting the years with my tribe in 'summers' and realizing how short the time is, this is a reminder just as much for me that the time is short, the calling and souls at stake are great and when the Lord calls me home I want to stand before Him and know that I was faithful to be obedient to what He has called me to, to stand before Him knowing that I served Him and obeyed Him in the calling to train up my children in the Lord.

There is joy in this journey and there is no end to learning and growing here on this earth. The beginning of wisdom and knowledge only comes from Him and all that we learn can bring us into a deeper more intimate relationship with our Creator and we get to experience the joy in growing in knowledge and wisdom right along side our children as we stand fast on His Word together.

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

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of great love for what He has done for her.

A Trip to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum...

by Jessica McCullar

My husband, kids, parents, and I visited the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum in August of 2018. My kids were ages 3, 5, 8, and 9. What an awesome experience! ***It was a joy to watch my children's eyes light up as the Bible came to life right in front of them.*** We spent two days going through the Creation Museum and one day at the Ark Encounter. It's unlike anything else when you actually get to see and walk through the truth of the Bible. This was an amazing way to grow the faith of my family. I can't wait to make a return trip!





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The Ark Encounter is an amazing, full-size ark. What a phenomenal way to teach our children about the greatness and faithfulness of our God.



Our view of God determines our view of ourselves...Do we trust Him to use the hard stuff?

I recently came across this video by Kyle Idleman and wanted to share it with you. Please take the time to watch it in its entirety.

If you ever need someone to pray for you and/or to just listen, please either message me through my [contact form](#), or email me at angela@jellybeanjar.org.

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Your story matters!

Has God been doing something amazing in your life that would encourage, strengthen, and unify the community? If you would like to share it with the other moms, email me at angela@jellybeanjar.org, and I'll share it in an upcoming Journal.



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