



IN THE LOOP

Whether you feel like you're riding on Sidewinder at Knott's Berry Farm or you're sailing smoothly through "It's a Small World", remember you are not on this adventure alone. Your husband is right there with you. He is a very special gift that God has given you to enjoy the pleasures and endure the hardships of life together. Cherish that relationship...make it priority...don't take it for granted...do something special everyday to show him just how much he means to you.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

Ever been in a group of women when the conversation turned to talking about the tendency of husbands to _____? (you fill in the blank.) Did you join in? Did the conversation unfairly stereotype men? Your husband is strengthened by your respect. It's hard to shift gears from talking in single syllables to little people who slime you... to uplifting the man with whom you fell in love. But he's not one of your children! Here's a spot check to see how you're doing at respecting your husband:

Regard. Do you resist the temptation to second-guess him all the time?

Engage. How often do you give him undivided attention?

Share. Do you listen to what matters to him?

Praise. Do you let him know -in front of others-when he gets it right?

Encourage. How do you show your faith in him to lead your family?

Couple. When's the last time you held his hand, rubbed his shoulders, embraced him spontaneously?

Talk. Do you put away your mommy voice to talk with him, not at him?

If you're having a hard time loving your husband right now then talk to someone about it. We have mentor moms in our group who love and care about you and want you to have a great marriage. Give them a call. You can reach Sue at 861-8498 or Carlene at 322-3470 or 805-2607

Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him for the life of your young children.
Lamentations 2:19

God tells us to pray for our children. It doesn't have to be long and drawn out or formal or fancy in anyway. But it does need to be specific. It's ok to be short and simple. Here's a few ideas.

Respect: Father, grant that my children may show proper respect to everyone. I Peter 2:17

Kindness: Lord, may my children always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

I Thessalonians 5:15

Thankfulness: Father, I pray that my children will always remember to give "thanks always for all things" because all things come from you. Ephesians 5:20