

What I Wish I'd Known Then

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**In Repentance (or returning) and rest you will be saved; In
quietness and trust shall be your strength.**

Isaiah 30:15

Discussion Questions:

1. Were you familiar with the concept of “triggering”? What things trigger you in daily life?
2. What part of Isaiah 30:15 speaks most to you? Need for Repentance? Rest? Quietness? Or Trust?
3. How does it feel to know that: **“The Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you. “?**
4. What is one helpful thing you will take away from today?

Susie’s prayer for her children as she is learning this still:

Dear God, It is Your Kindness that leads me to repentance, not your wrath. When I return to You and look into your face, You show delight in me not disappointment and disapproval. You love me even when I feel unlovable. I trust You God to do the work that You have begun in my children. You don’t ignore our sin or misbehavior – You look at it head-on and see right through to our hearts – that we still struggle with selfishness and fear or past hurts.

Lord, please lead my family to return to You, to remember that you know all about us and still love and delight in us as we are covered by Your righteousness. Let me rest in You, that You

are doing a great thing in our hearts and minds, to rest in You and let Your Spirit bear Your fruit in our lives. In quietness and trust in You and Your working in our lives we will grow stronger in trusting You to heal us. Thank you that You delight in us and see us clothed in Your goodness.

Thank You that You wait to be gracious to us!

I repent that I am trying to be a perfect mom and create perfect kids and I am failing, of course, looking to methods, rules, and others' approval instead of to You. I am sorry God. You are the good, good Father, that's who YOU are, and I and my family are loved by You, that's who we are. Yet still, sometimes I look at them as the enemy, as my failure, making it all about me again, instead of trusting You with us all. When they looked into my eyes today, they saw disappointment, and fear that I am failing as a mom. I want to look to you first Lord. You look at me with love, tenderness and grace, mercy and delight – then, I can reflect that Truth back to my family. Help me lead them to see You and that's who You are and they are so loved by You thru me, when I quietly look to You and put my trust in You - not false experts.

Remind me Lord, to repair when I fail because I followed my own way instead of Yours, so that they can trust the truth, that they are SO loved and can trust what they see – a mom who needs You, Your love and mercy as they need You too.

I love you Lord and Savior – thank You that it's in turning to You that we are safe to be who You made us. Yours! Amen