

## The Vignette

(Formerly "The Vine")

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### 3 Things My Mom Taught Me

by Pastor David

With Mother's Day right around the corner (how's that for a gentle reminder men?!) I couldn't help but reflect on my own mom. Obviously over the course of raising this knucklehead, she taught me a lot... but I was remembering three things that stick with me even to this day. Maybe these will spark some memories for you or be a prompt with your own kids.



First, my mom taught me people were more important than things. I suppose you could say this was living out the reality of the Golden Rule... we ALL want to be placed in higher esteem than property. Mom consistently disciplined me for mistreating people, especially if it happened because I placed a bicycle or a toy as a higher priority. I remember her modeling this in the way she lived her life... she would go out of her way to spend time with people - especially her family.

Second, one of her favorite sayings was... "laugh, laugh, pretty soon you cry." Now she would say it in Samoan and it sounded way cooler in a different language, but the meaning was the same. Whenever she would say it, you could almost count on one of us ending up hurt and crying. It would happen like this; if we were all playing together, especially late at night and things started to ramp up and we were laughing louder and louder and getting more and more carried away... she would say, "eh, laugh, laugh, pretty soon you are going to cry." When we allow ourselves to get carried away in the moment we can end up doing things we regret. Sometimes in the moment, we lose track of what we are doing, to ourselves and to others. Over the years, it has helped me avoid the "mob" mentality. When momentum begins moving things in a direction, I'm reminded I don't want to end up crying (or making someone cry) because of where this is headed. It helps me to pause to ensure what I am doing is actually making sense.

And lastly, she taught me to love and to love well! She had high expectations of her children, but she always made it clear that she loved us. I'm so grateful for the security I felt in her love and how that love pointed me toward a heavenly father that would perfectly love me. Mom has been gone for 13 years, but I'm thankful for her influence in my life.

And I join the chorus of others as we look forward to Mother's Day and a chance to say, "Thanks Mom!" Next week consider what you are thankful for and then let's celebrate moms together!

## First Steps Class

We will be having a First Steps Class on Wednesday, May 8 from 6:30 to 8:00PM. This is a required class for all that are interested in dedicating their children at LCCC. Please note if you need childcare during the class and email [nancy.shaffer@lc3](mailto:nancy.shaffer@lc3) to RSVP. The next Child Dedication Ceremony is June 8 and 9. If you have already attended the class and would like to participate in the June service, please email Nancy.



## Baby Shower!!

All Lake City Ladies are invited to our quarterly baby shower to celebrate new moms and their babies on Thursday May 9th at 6:30 PM in the church foyer. Come fellowship with us and love on these new moms and their sweet babies.



If you received an invitation to your home, please RSVP to Jennifer M at 626-215-9907. If we missed you or if you know of someone who is new to Lake City who didn't get an invite, please also call Jennifer. We don't want to miss out on celebrating any of God's precious miracles!! Please call or email me ([Jenniferandzach@yahoo.com](mailto:Jenniferandzach@yahoo.com)) with any questions! Thank you!

Jennifer for the Baby Celebration Team

## A Rock Solid Job, Kids!

That was a "Rock Solid" job, kids! Miss Abby and I would like to give a great big thanks to all the amazing kids who shared the truth of God's Promises with us last Sunday! We loved it! A special thank you to kids and parents for your sweet gifts to us!

Niki Oury & Abby Johnson



**Correction:** VBS will be July 15 - 19 not July 15 - 22 as previously announced.

Email [nicole.oury@lc3.com](mailto:nicole.oury@lc3.com) to organize, lead, or help.

Want more info? Try these links.

- [LC3 Celebrations - May 1, 2013](#)
- [LC3 Website](#)
- [LC3 Calendar](#)

