

REMINDERS FOR THE JOURNEY

Motherhood

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1. *I need Jesus. Everyday.*
2. *My children are little people, with feelings, ideas, and opinions.*
3. *Things won't always go as I imagined.*
4. *I will say things I wish I hadn't. Repent and keep going.*
5. *Unconditional love. It doesn't matter what they say or do. I want them snuggled on my lap, wrapped in my arms, and smothered with kisses. Love. Always love.*
6. *I am more selfish than I realized. Die to self and serve.*
7. *How I live matters. How I speak, the words I choose, my tone of voice...there will be an echo.*
8. *"I don't know" is ok. I don't and won't have all the answers all the time.*
9. *Grace. There is always grace to give and grace to receive.*
10. *Saying, "yes" is ok. Yes to silly, yes to messy, yes to spontaneous, yes to crazy, yes to creative. Little "yeses" go a long way.*
12. *Saying "no" is hard. No to self, no to what I want, no to what might be good, but not God, no to people no to man pleasing. Those are hard nos.*
12. *Little things mean a lot. Notes, smiles, hugs, tickles, treats. Little things make a big impact.*
13. *Teaching good habits and responsibility is hard, but worth it. Allowing them to do something, even if I can do it better, is important. It might slow you down. They might not want to. In the end, it's worth it!*
14. *My children will have their own story.*
15. *The Bible is the best training book. All we need to impart and instill in our children are found within its pages.*