

# The Fellowship Community Guidelines

The goal of this community is:

1. To help you know beyond a shadow of a doubt that you are NOT the only one and you are NOT alone.
2. To help you learn how to apply the gospel to your daily life, using the sin and struggle often so tangible and unique in motherhood as a catalyst to draw nearer to Christ and enjoy him more. Learning this deeply will enable you to naturally apply what you learn to future seasons of your life.
3. To collaborate with one another on all kinds of topics: women's health, parenting, marriage, communication, sex, boundaries, shame, managing your mind, vocation etc.

What it is and what it isn't

1. This is a place for you to focus on your own growth and support others in theirs. A sisterhood of believers in similar stages of life with an eye toward the throne of grace, wanting more of whatever that is. :) We are gospel-hungry, drama-free mamas. We make each other laugh. We offer feedback and advice when it is asked for. We offer empathy and ask good questions to help each one make their own decisions in the company of wise counsel.
  - a. Eg: We collaborate and share ideas, wins and struggles on all kinds of topics. But we're not going to tell each other how to discipline our kids, what denomination one should attend (well, actually, I reserve the right to steer you away from heresy 😊), or what political party one should adhere to, you get the idea.
2. This is not therapy and I am not your therapist. Can you ask me anything? Sure. But if your troubles stem from unresolved trauma, abuse, domestic violence, psychological or medical conditions, it is your responsibility to seek out professional help. Trauma and abuse related issues must be addressed in a professional counseling setting. This is not an appropriate place to process those issues.

## Grace and Love and Online Communication

Be gracious toward one another, recognizing the nuances of online communication. "Love is not easily offended." Disrespectful or unkind behavior will not be tolerated.

1. When you post in the group please let us know if you are wanting us to pray and empathize or offer feedback or both
2. If you can't tell from someone's post if they are wanting advice and feedback please clarify this with the poster before responding.
3. Re-read what you write and try to make sure it will come across the way you mean it
4. That being said, it is not always possible to know someone's intent or tone, you are expected to give one another the benefit of the doubt and assume the best. Ask clarifying questions or ask an admin to help when you need it.
5. Be especially careful when it comes to sensitive topics (you know the ones: spanking, medical stuff, politics, etc). This is the WRONG PLACE to argue about that stuff. Lively discussions about hot topics where everyone is able to honor both their own opinions and others' opinions with love and grace top of mind? YES. Crazytown conversations where I have to come in and mediate because people are getting tunnel vision trying to prove their point because they think they have a moral obligation to express their opinion on a nuanced topic? NOPE.
6. This is a place for you to inspect the logs in your own eyes, not fret about the specs in your sister's.

## Stay on Topic

1. Our community is focused on applying the gospel to all aspects of motherhood, including struggles with parenting, boundaries, anger, communication, marriage, theology, sin, sanctification.
2. We also like to laugh a lot and have as much fun as humanly possible.
3. Please keep your posts and comments relevant to these topics and/or funny. Sorry, but I love to laugh and I love when you guys crack me up. 😊
4. We hope this community will be a source of encouragement, support, and friendship. Let's have fun and enjoy our time together!

## Confidentiality

This is a safe space for members to share personal struggles and experiences. Please honor one another's stories and personal information by being careful about sharing them with others. That being said, do not hold inappropriate expectations of confidentiality. This is not therapy. There is no confidentiality law that applies here.

## No Spam or Selling

Please refrain from posting spam, promotional material or trying to sell something here.

## Moderation

The moderators of the group reserve the right to remove any posts or comments that violate these guidelines or are deemed inappropriate.