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The RPM team is excited to highlight two moms very near and dear to their hearts this month, Jan Cheshire and Lisa Gensler. Both have great biblically based insight we can all learn from. Thank you, Jan and Lisa for all you do to support Tom and Tom and the RPM ministry!

JAN CHESHIRE - MOM TO ADULT GIRLS

"Being a mother to Amelia Rose and Lindleigh Rae has been the greatest joy of my life", says Jan Cheshire, wife of Tom Cheshire. "With Tom and I meeting through our love of aviation, it was easy for us to choose their names after Amelia Earhart and Charles Lindbergh. Their middle names are after my grandmother", Jan tells me.



Amelia is the Development Coordinator for These Numbers Have Faces, a non-profit organization based in Portland. Lindleigh, a histotechnician, works at a medical facility in Springfield, IL.

The Cheshire's are a close family. Jan feels one reason they are so close today is a result of homeschooling and the amount of time they spent together while the girls were growing up. She explained to me "We set the stage from a young age. We had family dinners every night, if Tom got off a little later, we had dinner a little later. Our girls are truly my best friends, we refer to ourselves as the Three Musketeers" she states. You could hear her love for them as she told me she speaks with both girls at least once a day.

One of her favorite memories with them took place just a few years ago when they spent 10 days together in the Portland area. They attended a family wedding, went hiking to waterfalls, ate good food, and Amelia showed them around her city. "We just spent time together and it was easy, we had so much fun together" she told me. You could tell this trip was one of Jan's highlights in her life as a mom.

"Raising the girls, we learned how to adjust our parenting to their stage of life. Showing interest in their interests was one way we loved them. That principle still applies today", she emphatically explains.

Being a mother to grown children, Jan shared one of her biggest tips. "Learning how and when to pull back is hard, knowing when to give advice and when to just be still and pray. Seeing adult children go through hard times can be so difficult to watch. We simply have to lean on God to give us direction to give to them."

In Celebration of Mother's Day May 10th

LISA GENSLER – BEING A MOTHER OF SMALL BOYS

Mom, mom, mom.... is what Lisa Gensler hears from the moment her feet hit the floor in the morning until she falls into bed each night. Lisa, wife of Tom Gensler and mother to 5 beautiful children, has her hands full every day, and she wouldn't have it any other way as she knows this is exactly where God wants her to be.

In a recent chat with Lisa, we talked about their two sons, Moses James (7), and Gabriel Michael (6). They are all boy and an absolute joy to be around! Lisa describes Moses as a quick-minded leader with a sweet spirit and athletic abilities. As she was reminiscing about Moses a quote came to her mind that he would say when he was younger and still learning how to put his words together. Instead of saying "it doesn't matter" he would say "it doesn't care". She chuckled with a sweet smile as she was thinking about him. Gabe, more of an artistic, creative and sensitive child offers comic relief to the family and is athletic as well. Lisa adds, "he is athletic, but he really doesn't care about it, or even try, he just does it and wins with very little effort and then moves on".



Several years ago God spoke to the Gensler's telling them they are to be a homeschooling family. Wanting to be in the middle of God's will for their lives, they stepped out in faith and took on the rewarding challenge. "I have always felt inadequate to teach our children, as I am sure most homeschooling parents do, but I know that God will equip me every step of the way" Gensler states. Lisa goes on to explain that



she has to remember the whole of the day, using everyday tasks as teachable moments and not just the instruction time in their family classroom. Just like every other little boy that has ever been, Moses and Gabe can get a little rowdy. I asked Lisa what approach she and Tom take when it comes to bringing them back in line. She smiled and said "Scripture, they recite scripture. If they are saying something unkind or not allowed in our home it is Proverbs 16:24, Pleasant words are a honeycomb sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. If they are being disobedient, they recite Ephesians 6:1, Children obey your parents, because you belong to the Lord, for it's the right thing to do."

The Gensler's biggest desire for all of their children is to be spiritual leaders that will impact not only their church, but their communities as well. Lisa emphatically says "We want our boys to be mighty men of God and to find their own faith. To come to a place of trusting God and having faith in Him. We pour scripture into them as we know as we feed them the Word, it will never return void."



Men, pull out your Bible and read I Peter 3:7. Then sit down with your wife and ask her how you can better serve her once you get home from work. Make sure you give her opportunities to enjoy hobbies, friends, and relaxation on some consistent level.

Get a baby sitter and take her out on a date night. These don't have to be expensive to be effective. Tell her how much you appreciate all she does to love your children and care for your home. Do these things out of love, and guard your heart against any bitterness or resentment. Make this Mother's Day the start of a new way of life for her all year long.

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