



Quotes & Connections



"Stop trying to protect, to rescue, to judge, to manage the lives around you—your children's lives, the lives of your husband, your wife, your friends—because that is just what you are powerless to do. Remember that the lives of other people are not your business. They are their business. They are God's business because they all have God whether they use the word God or not. Even your own life is not your business. It also is God's business. Leave it to God. It is an astonishing thought. It can become a life-transforming thought."—Frederick Buechner

"Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children."—William Makepeace Thackeray

"If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way Mom told you to in the beginning."—Unknown

"Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards."—Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)

"Jesus did not start his 'professional life' (ministering, teaching and healing) by posting a sign outside of a 'holy' building announcing healing services and prophecy seminars. Jesus didn't wait for people to find him. Instead, he found people in the midst of their daily problems, dilemmas, challenges and struggles... Jesus didn't wear a religious uniform and he didn't talk funny. Instead of quoting dead theologians, Jesus told colorful and memorable stories."—Greg Albrecht

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