



**The Nursery
Sweet Dreams...**
Thanksgiving Sunday
October 11, 2009

**Three Elephants in the Thanksgiving
Nursery...**

When You Have NO Nursery:

The Elephant of INFERTILITY...

But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat... In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. 1 Samuel 1:5-7, 10

Let God Be God: WAIT and BELIEVE...

Wait for God's BEST.

Believe God is FOR YOU...

When Your Nursery is EXPECTANT:

The Elephant of EXPECTATIONS...

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Psalm 51:5

Remember You're Raising a SINNER!

See Discipline as the GIFT that Keeps GIVING...

Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death. Proverbs 19:18

SERMON

Why do you honor your sons more than me by fattening yourselves on the choice parts of every offering made by my people Israel?' 1 Samuel 2:29

Balance Discipline with ENCOURAGEMENT

Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. Colossians 3:21

Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6 (Amplified)

When Your Nursery is SCARY:

The Elephant of POST-PARTUM DEPRESSION.

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. Psalm 42:5, 11

God is Never SURPRISED at Us...

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Seek HELP...

use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses. 1 Timothy 5:23

This, Too, SHALL PASS...