Every Mother’s Day, for the past 28 years, my mother wears a hat to church. Twenty-eight years ago my grandmother passed, and my mother honors her by wearing one of her hats to church for Mother’s Day. Motherhood often involves the wearing of many hats. While this has been true since the days of Eve, it has been magnified significantly during the pandemic. Mother is now wearing the hat of teacher, the hat of lunch lady, the hat of school counselor, the hat of band director. I have watched my wife over the past year go so far as to even plan physical education activities for our children, not wanting them to miss even PE class because of the pandemic.

Mother’s Day is meaningful every year, but this year, with all that we have been through, and with all the hats that mom is wearing in order to make things normal for her family, we salute you all the more.

To all the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, teachers, and foster and adoptive mothers; “your children rise and call you blessed!” ~ Proverbs 31:28

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