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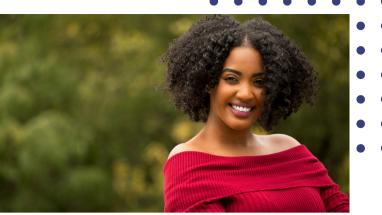
STEP IN, STAND TALL, SHINE BRIGHT!

"Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God?

Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."

GALATIANS 1:10





You don't need anyone else's permission to be who God has called you to be in your blended family. You already have God's.

Key Truths:

You were placed here on purpose.

"And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" — Esther 4:14

• You are not a replacement. You are a chosen woman of God.

Showing up begins with surrender, not striving.

- "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." Galatians 5:25
- Being led by the Spirit may look like stepping up—or stepping back.

You have permission to show up for yourself.

- "Love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:31
- Self-care is not selfish. It's stewardship.

Pray for bio mom, but don't let her define you.

- "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." Romans 12:18
- Peace with others starts with peace in God.



What Does It Mean to "Show Up" in Christ?

- Prioritize your prayer life.
- Obey what God is calling you to do—even if it's hard.
- Lead with love, not insecurity.
- Rest when you need to. God is not glorified by your burnout.
- Walk in freedom—not fear.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Where am I currently dimming my light to avoid conflict or rejection?
- 2. How is God inviting me to show up differently in this season?
- 3. What would obedience to God look like in my stepmom role right now?
- 4. Do I need to step forward—or step back—for the sake of my mental and spiritual health?

Prayer:

"Lord, thank You for placing me in this family for a purpose. Help me walk in obedience, speak in love, rest in Your strength, and shine with Your light. I have permission to show up—because You've called me here. Amen."