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I was born in the 50's to a history/shop school teacher and a stay at home mom. My two sisters and my one brother and I grew up in an old farm house with a couple of acres of fruit trees, a creek and several dogs. It was better than "Leave it to Beaver." While my mom never wore pearls around the house, we grew up playing outside, camping, learning about history from Dad and being taught that we could do anything. It was unusual in the 50s for Dads to encourage their daughters to dare to dream to be anything they wanted to be. But that is how it was at our house. I had a great childhood.

Fast forward to the 70s. My high school sweetheart and I married when he graduated from college. I was 19 and had only finished one year of college, but we said our "I do's" and while Bob went off to work with his white shirt and brief case, I put on my backpack and boots and went off to finish my college degree. After 2 ½ years I had my teaching degree and we had our first son. I knew I could do anything, Dad and Mom had raised me that way, so I bucked the trend and stayed home to raise our precious son. In a few short years we added 2 more sons, then later a daughter and another son. Life was busy and tiring--but so rewarding, and I could do anything, right?

In 1990 our oldest son, Cris, was in 7th grade in a very unsafe school. We were also concerned with his health as the stress at school was increasing his asthma attacks. Private school was not an option but we knew something had to change. A friend introduced us to homeschooling. Within weeks Cris was out of school and I was a homeschool mom. By the next school year I had four students and one preschooler. We had family opposition, but I could do anything, right? I said it over and over to convince myself, I can do anything--even do something very unpopular and nearly illegal at that time.

Finally, after seven years of homeschooling, we heard of Sonlight and this is our 10th year using the curriculum. This will be my 9th year as a Consultant, my 4th as an Advisor. I LOVE my job! Our older two boys are married, our third is a computer engineer, our daughter is a university junior and our youngest is a Sonlight senior this year. My husband and I have been married over 31 years and are still best friends. He has been my biggest helper and cheerleader through the years. I am thankful for those early lessons at my parents feet where they instilled in us the importance of home, family, history and the ability to dream and become what ever you want to be. I pray my children have learned the same lessons and am thankful to Sonlight for coming along side and helping Bob and I teach our children the things that really matter.

