

## Intersections of My Youth

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There have been many intersections in my life. Many of them came from my mother when I was a child. We should all thank our mothers for the intersections they have provided in order for us to grow up. My mother taught me about the intersection of ANTICIPATION: "Just wait until your father gets home!" My mother taught me about the intersection of RECEIVING: "You be good at the store or you won't get any candy!"

Other intersections were:

MEETING A CHALLENGE: "What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you! Don't talk back to me!"

LOGIC: "Keep acting like that and you won't get to play with your friends."

MEDICAL SCIENCE: "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they will freeze that way."

THINKING AHEAD: "If you don't pass your spelling test, you will never get out of school!"

ESP: "Put your sweater on. Don't you think I know when you're cold?"

HUMOR: "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come crying to me!"

BECOMING AN ADULT: "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

SEX: "How do you think you got here?"

GENETICS: "You're just like your father!"

ROOTS: "Don't act like that. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

WISDOM OF AGE: "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

LOVE: "You tell your sister you're sorry right now, or you'll get a good spanking!"

JUSTICE: "One day you'll have kids and I hope they turn out just like you, then you'll understand!"

Ah, the intersections of my youth.