Hey there, midlife mamas! It's Sharise, your Legacy Igniter, here to help you eat out the Wise & Wild Way—without sacrificing health or fun! These tips, rooted in Nourishing Traditions, GAPS, and ancestral cooking, keep you on track while you enjoy every bite. Let's dive in!

Pick wisely—go for high-quality spots. Take control of where you dine! Use <u>12 Spoons</u> to find eateries with healthy, Wise & Wild Way-approved options—like pastured meats or low-carb veggies—that are GMO-free, no MSG, free-range, wild-caught, and organic. When in doubt, ask—I've never met a question I didn't like!

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Eating Out Tips

- **Research ahead.** Check the menu online for options like grilled wild-caught fish or a low-carb veggie salad. Call ahead if needed—you'll feel in control by eliminating guesswork.
- **Snack before you go.** Eat a small handful of soaked nuts or homemade yogurt 30 minutes before heading out. Arriving starving makes you more likely to overeat.
- **Befriend your server**—don't be shy! Ask for your food your way—you're paying for it! My family rolls their eyes at my pickiness, but I tell the waiter, "Sorry, I'm a big pain, but..." They laugh, deliver, and if it's wrong, I send it back politely. Smile, be kind—the more they like you, the more they'll help.
- Skip the bread and chips. Ask the server not to bring them—they're processed grains we avoid. If others want them, turn your plate upside down. Order a salad or sip herbal tea while waiting to dodge those nibbles!
- **Ditch dips, sauces, and dressings.** Most are loaded with MSG, gluten, and sugar—not GAPS-friendly. Bring your own Wise & Wild dressing, like olive oil and lemon—see my BYO tip below.
- **Get creative.** Order healthy appetizers instead of entrées, or swap fries for a steamed veggies. Customize—it's your meal!
- **Control portions.** Ask to box half your meal upfront or share with a friend. Request separated ingredients to ration what you need—smart eating wins!
- **Check preparation methods.** Dishes often hide soybean or canola oil—cheap but harmful. Request olive oil, real butter, or no oil, and bring your own if needed—see my BYO tip below.
- Use a nutrition app. Apps help you check ingredients on the go—gotta love tech!
- **Know terms to love.** Choose baked, broiled, grilled, poached, roasted, steamed, *marinated, organic, fresh, or local dishes. Top with a quality fat you brought, like grass-fed butter—see my BYO tip below! (*For marinated, ask how.)
- **Know terms to avoid**. Avoid fried (aka "fritto"), breaded, scalloped, béarnaise, creamed, smothered, au gratin, carbonara, refried, basted, battered, bottomless, loaded, crunchy, country-style, stroganoff, and white sauce—they often use processed oils. Run away!
- **BYO when needed**. Pack your own fats, dressings, or sauces—like grass-fed butter or olive oil blends—for the highest-quality eats.
- **Choose water carefully.** Order mineral water with lemon in a glass bottle—or bring your own filtered water; it's the only way to ensure it's chemical-free.
- Focus on company, not just food. Enjoy your meal, but the real treat is time with friends, loved ones, or yourself—Wise & Wild Way style!

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