



Sunday, May 8, 2022

Mother's Day

Title: The Nurturing Nature of God

Text: Isaiah 49:13-18

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Big Idea: Motherhood can be an illustration of God's nurturing nature because it defines a trust-building love that is **serious**, **safe**, and **nourishing**.

1) God's nurturing love means long-suffering. (Isaiah 49:13-14 / Hebrews 12: 6 & 11 / 2 Peter 3:9)

The Bible makes it clear that **outward circumstances** are not always the best reflection of how much God loves us.

2) God's nurturing love means remembering.

(Isaiah 49:15 / 1 Peter 3:18 / Romans 5:8 / Romans 8:31-32 / 2 Corinthians 8:9)

3) God's nurturing love means touch. (Isaiah 49:16 / John 10:28-29 / Romans 6:5)

The best gift we could give the moms in our lives is **regular prayer**.

How to pray for Moms in these 5 seasons of life.

Season 1:

Season 2:

Season 3:

Season 4:

Season 5:

Study/Application Questions and Actions:

1) From your experience as a parent, how is it possible to be both nurturing and a disciplinarian to one's children at the same time

2) Nurturing is not a term we usually apply to God. In what ways could God be called "nurturing?" What are some Bible illustrations that show it?

3) What might be some examples of "whining" to our long-suffering God? When is this healthy and when might it be considered sinfully unhealthy?

4) Name some regular sacrifices that most moms make for kids that can help illustrate God's sacrifices for us. Biblical examples?

5) Read Isaiah 49:16. How does it affect your view of God to know you are engraved on His hand? How might this help motivate you in your daily walk with Him?