



Faith Talk

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Mother's Day

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So, what did you give your mom on Mother's Day? Last Sunday children across the United States and Canada celebrated the love and dedication shown them by the special person they call their mother. For weeks before the special day, television, radio and newspaper ads bombarded them with many possible ways to express their gratitude. Commercialization has cheapened Mother's Day, reducing it to another day of obligatory gift giving, so let's take a moment to consider what mothers are really all about.

A mother's tender loving care is so special that God uses it as an image to describe himself. Typically God is compared to a father. Christ taught his disciples to pray "Our Father in Heaven", but listen to God's words spoken by Isaiah. He says to his exiled people, "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you." (Isaiah 66:13)

The Bible teaches that a mother's instruction must be held in high esteem, particularly if that instruction is godly. Proverbs 1:8 warns, "Do not forsake your mother's teaching." Throughout the Bible God repeats that parents should be honoured. In the fifth commandment God demands, "Honour your father and mother," and then promises "so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12) He repeats these words in Matthew 15:4, Luke 18:20 and elsewhere.

When relationships, even the closest relationships between parents and children break down, God promises, "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!?" (Isaiah 49:15)

This year, show your gratitude for your mother's tender care and instruction all year. Don't forget after Mother's Day and leave her alone in the laundry room to wash and fold all your dirty clothes, or in the nursing home to live out her days in loneliness. Thank God for what he has given you in your mother.

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