

Mother's Day 2021

The God Who Gives Birth | May 6th and 9th

What's the Issue Anyway?

Some of us come to this day _____.

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Mother's Day evokes strong emotions because motherhood is _____ to our well-being.

What wisdom does scripture offer us?

Gender _____ is a reflection of the divine image. (Genesis 1:26-28)

God remembers like a _____ mother and offers compassion like an _____ mother. (Isaiah 49:15)

God gives _____. (Deuteronomy 32:18)

God's _____ is the comfort of motherhood. (Isaiah 66:13)

God _____ us for life like a mother eagle her eaglets. (Deuteronomy 32:11-12)

Don't Miss This!

The Bible presents a God shaped like a _____ Heart.

What does it mean to love God in my everyday, peacemaking life?

Honor _____ mothers _____ motherhood today.

Show your gratitude for the _____ who have invested in your life.

Bring your Mother's Day _____ to God.

Remember, the birthing center of any hospital is _____ ground.

How can this bring us closer to God's vision for my life and our world?

Only a love grounded in _____ and not behavior can save the world from fear, exclusion and violence.

What is God inviting you into today?

1. Express my gratitude to the people who have mothered me.
2. Hold the beauty and importance of the Biblical metaphors of God as both mother and father.
3. Hold a Love for people like a mother's love for a child, grounded in being and not behavior.

Thought Provoking Questions for Groups or Personal Reflection

1. Do you find it hard to talk about God as mother? What about God as Father? Why or why not?
2. What might be the dangers of neglecting the mother metaphor for God?
3. How might world history look different if the dominant metaphor/image of God was one of mother?
4. Deuteronomy 32:11-12 describes God like a mother eagle who pushes her eaglets out of the nest and catches them on her wings. Have you ever felt pushed out of the nest by God? Have you ever felt the “mounting up on wings like eagles” in those times of falling out of the nest? What were the circumstances? What happened?
5. A God who gives birth to us offers a beautiful picture of unconditional love. What can you do to remind yourself of this truth regularly?

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