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Meditation

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is coming at the end of the week. There will be ads, commercials, signs, and trinkets for sale to buy for mothers. Until adulthood, I did not know why some people disliked this Hallmark holiday. Some relationships with mothers can be complicated, abusive, absent, or destroyed.

Some women long to be mothers but are not able to conceive. Some mothers have lost their children, leaving a tremendous gap in their hearts. Jesus knew the heartbreak His own mother would go through at His death, and then a second time at His ascension.

Jesus gave the responsibility of caring for His mother to John while on the cross, *When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home* (John 19:26–27).

Think about the women God has placed in your life as Christian mentors, leaders, confidants, and friends. God has placed these women in your life for a reason. He has given us the opportunity to love and care for one another. *Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled* (Titus 2:3–5).

God desires for us to have such loving friendships. He wants us to learn from one another, not simply our mothers, but also from other Christian women. Is there someone God has placed on your heart to learn from or share His love with recently? I encourage you to seek that person out and grow a closer friendship with them. Regardless of your own motherhood experience, know the Creator of the Universe loves you in the midst of your joy, sorrow, pain, or peace.

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