

Scripture Reading: [Isaiah 49:13-16](#)



- Motherhood is not a hobby. It's an eternally-serious work of service.
- Motherhood was God's idea. He is the Creator ([Isa 66:1-2](#)) of masculinity and femininity, of fatherhood and motherhood ([Isa 66:10-13](#)).
- He uses His creation to communicate how He feels about His people ([Isa 49:15-16](#)).

The Spirit of Motherhood

- The "spirit of motherhood" is used to describe life-giving, refreshing relationships:
 - "Greet Rufus ... also his mother, who has been a mother to ____ as well" ([Rom 16:13](#))
 - "_____ are my mother and my brothers!" ([Matt 12:46-50](#))
 - "... a hundredfold ... brothers and sisters and _____ ..." ([Mark 10:23-31](#))
- Paul uses the "spirit of motherhood" to describe his efforts in Thessalonica ([1 Thes 2:1-8](#)).
 - "We were _____ among you"
 - "Like a nursing mother taking care of her own _____"
 - "Being _____ desirous of you"
 - "We were ready to share with you the _____ of God"
 - "We were ready to share with you our own _____"
 - "You had become very _____ to us"

The Aim of Motherhood

- "Until _____ is _____ in _____!" ([Gal 4:16-19](#); [2:20](#); [Col 1:24-29](#))
- "To present you _____ and _____ and above _____" ([Col 1:21-22](#))