



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## Learning from a Mother's Love

The Bible gives many comparisons of God's constant care for His children. In the **103rd Psalm** and in **Proverbs 3**, God is depicted as a concerned and disciplining father. Isaiah 27 mentions God as a gardener tending His garden. And in the **23rd Psalm**, we read of God as a shepherd.

But when God through Isaiah illustrated how great His love was for Israel, He likened it to the love of a mother for her child: "*As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you*" (**Isaiah 66:13**, see also **Isaiah 49:15**). Truly, there is nothing more natural than for a mother to cherish, care for, and comfort her child. Note, for example:

- The unconditional love mothers demonstrate for their children is probably the closest thing on earth to His incredible love for us.
- The gentle tenderness a mother expresses in handling her newborn child is so reminiscent of the tender loving care God promises to all the faithful.
- The sincere sympathy mothers show for hurt elbows and hurt hearts is very much like the heart-felt compassion God feels and gives to each of us.
- The sacrifice and unselfishness mothers exhibit time and time again toward their children reminds us of how benevolent and generous God has been to you and me.
- The soft special kisses and the always sweet smiles that mothers so generously give can help us to understand and appreciate the joy God has for us now and forevermore.

Just watch a mother with her child sometime. Take note of the sacrifice, dedication, care, tenderness, love, comfort, and joy she exhibits. Then remember that this is the way God loves us.

So thank you, mothers, for giving us a glimpse of God's immense love!

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# Thank You Mom

*“Honor your father and mother—which is the first commandment with a promise—that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth” (Eph 6:2-3).*

In a little town in Taylor County West Virginia Anna Jarvis in 1907 began a campaign to establish a national Mother’s Day. The special day would fall on the anniversary of her mother’s death. So on May 10, 1908 the day was observed in Philadelphia Pennsylvania where Jarvis had recently moved. It wasn’t until 1914 that president Woodrow Wilson made the official announcement to the nation that every second Sunday of May would be a national day of observance.

Mother’s Day is a special day in which we take a moment to honor the women who make a difference in our lives. In my years of Christian service I had the privilege of interviewing senior statesmen, great community leaders and church leaders who are making a difference in all of our lives. In our first few weeks after moving to Logansport Indiana, I was given a personal invitation to meet with Mayor Michael Fincher. Mayor Fincher impressed me as he spoke in tears about his mother. I am convinced that the world is a better place because of all mothers that were readers, teachers and fitting examples. Dedicated mothers produce determined children. We all know that it takes a considerable amount of determination to make a difference in today’s world.

So take some time this Mother’s Day to remember Mom. The apostle Paul reminds his *“son in the faith”* (Timothy) where his personal faith originated. *“I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also” (2 Tim. 1:5).*

This is dedicated to my Mom who has made many sacrifices and uttered many prayers that have made a tremendous difference in many of my major decisions in life. Thank you Mom.

Rick Woodall

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