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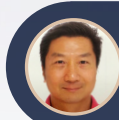
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A Tribute To Our Mothers



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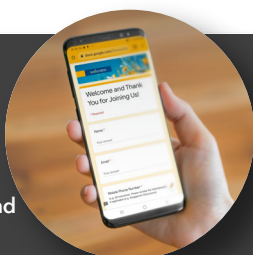
Mother's Day must be one of the most celebrated days in our calendar. That's because few would argue against the importance and the impact that mothers have on their children, irrespective of whether they are Christian or not.

For most of us, our earliest and fondest memories may be those of our mother's sacrificial love,

expressed through their care and concern when we were sick. For others, it could be the way our mothers toiled day after day to cook, wash and clean so the rest of the family's physical needs were well taken care of. And then there were the times of sadness and emotional traumas that we invariably go through in life that only the empathy of a mother could understand and seek to comfort.

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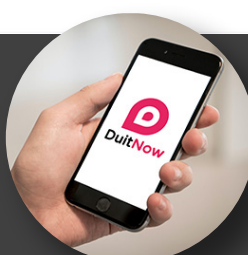
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The Bible in Proverbs 31:27-29 says as much about the virtuous woman who is both a good wife and a mother:

"She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

The portrait from these verses describes a woman who is **selfless** and **hardworking**. In fact, it's hard to overestimate the sacrifice that a mother makes for her child. Almost as soon as a woman has conceived, her maternal instinct takes over to care for the foetus in her. I witnessed that first hand when my wife Cynthia was bearing our twin daughters.

I remember her singular focus on adhering to a strict diet, abstaining from any food or drink that may even remotely be considered harmful to the babies within her. As she also suffered from a rare form of thrombosis which increased her chances of life-threatening blood clot during pregnancy, she had to be given an injection of anticoagulant every single day until the babies were born. Most days, I had the unpleasant task of administering the needle. It was clear to me as I saw her unflinching resolve to go through the pain for her yet unborn children, evidenced clearly not only by stretch marks around her waist but also poke marks from the injections.

For the next twenty years, while our girls grew through their teenage years into adulthood, it was apparent to me that the bond between them and their mom was special. Over and above the obvious biological difference where only women can give birth and nurse their children, there is a degree of patience, gentleness and understanding mothers have for their children that is uniquely hers and not shared by fathers.


So, when Paul described his deep affection for his flock in Thessalonica, he used the metaphor of "a nursing mother taking care of her own children"! For the Apostle, his pastoral service to the church is likened to the gentleness, affection, and sacrifice of a mother (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8).

While Mother's Day calls for celebrations, it can also be a harrowing time for some. I'm referring to those who may have broken relationships with their mothers or those who have never known

their biological mothers. To them, Mother's Day may be a reminder of the hurts and pains of an unpleasant childhood. To them, I hope they will be comforted by the words in 2 Corinthians 1:4, which reminds us that we worship "the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

Then there are those who are enduring the distress of dealing with infertility or a miscarriage. These experiences are all too familiar to us personally as we waited 10 years before Cynthia first conceived and subsequently suffered a miscarriage. For a woman living in a traditional Chinese society where barrenness is an affliction and losing an unborn is a curse, it was hard to live with the stigma of being childless. But our God is all sufficient and gracious. Just as He intervened in the lives of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Hannah and Elizabeth who were without child, our God blessed us by granting us twins. And even if it is by His sovereign will that some may remain childless, we can rest assured that God has a different and higher purpose.

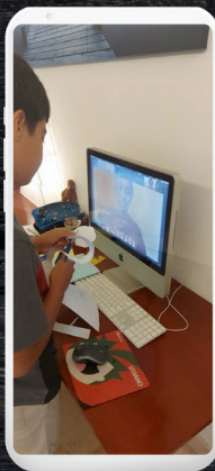
Mother's Day is a time to affirm the importance of motherhood, appreciate the unique role mothers have in the family, and thank the mothers who have devoted their lives to their children. It's only appropriate we conclude with a prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, it is with deep gratitude that we thank You for our mothers who have sacrificially loved and cared for us. For those who are mothers, we pray that You would grant them strength and wisdom to carry out their duties as You have purposed, and to raise their children to walk in Your ways. For those who find Mother's Day to bring sadness and regret, we pray that You would bring healing to their hearts, as well as joy and peace that surpasses all understanding. In Jesus' name, Amen! 



Happy Mother's Day!

You are a beautiful example of God's love.
(Proverbs 31)



Life Group Splash Featuring Gamma 9 LG



What is Gamma 9's story?

Gamma Group 9 was formed in early 2017. We began the study on Romans with a new batch from Beta class. After being together for a year and a half, we decided to form a Life Group. Gamma classes on Wednesdays are our weekly appointed meetings, and we have an additional monthly fellowship in one of our homes. Today, we are an LG of 22 members, mostly in the mature adults age group.

What are some unique Gamma 9 experiences?

We get morning calls via WhatsApp each day! It serves as a subtle roll call, and it encourages us to have a cheerful morning each day. Before MCO, we had frequent outdoor activities and had smaller gatherings for events like dinners. In 2019, 14 of us went on an outing to Taiping in a chartered van!

What has Gamma 9 done in the past year?

The impact of Covid-19 in the past year did not hamper our bond together in Christ. We continue to have daily devotions through WhatsApp and are able to encourage one another to keep in touch with the Word of God and keep one another in prayer.

The Gamma Bible study continued with the regular attendees and we also continued to have our monthly fellowship over Zoom. When we realized that virtual FBC worship was here to stay, we decided to come together on Zoom to attend worship service together. We even "stay back" after the service for a time of fellowship. It is truly a great and meaningful experience.

What is Gamma 9 looking forward to this year?

We appreciate the love and comfort that comes from belonging to an LG, especially in times of sickness and grief. Recently, when we were informed of the needs of a community from Myanmar, all the LG members were quick to donate and aid was delivered to 100 families this Chinese New Year 2021. We look forward to God opening doors for us as a group to help the poor and share the testimony of


our Lord Jesus Christ!

Hear from Gamma 9 members on what it means to be part of an LG!

"Joy of friendship and fellowship. True friends. Care for one another in times of need. Unity and bonding with love equate to Christian family."

"This group has made me feel that I am a part of the church. An extension. It is helping me to stay focused on our Lord and His word. It is training me to be disciplined in daily devotions and a warm (sometimes hot) fellowship with my brethren. To understand God's Word from other angles. To not be an extremist nor a heretic. To glorify the name of God collectively and individually. To care for others in spirit and in truth. Deep down inside, I feel good and right. The Holy spirit in me ENDORSES this fellowship. Amen."

"Charity begins at home and the church (local and universal) and the Life Group is an extension of family/home. I think being part of a Life Group is important for seniors who stay alone, especially if single or with children who stay far away."

"Life Group is an important part of the church. It provides a more conducive environment to foster spiritual growth, learning, and service. Unlike large congregations, small groups enable interactions with one another to be more personal. Regular meetings with a committed group of believers also allow us to reinforce our core beliefs. We are able to learn more about God and maintain the strength to care, serve, and develop disciples of Christ." 

[Join A Life Group Today](#)

| Pulpit Program

May 9, 2021

Struggling with Doubt in Church

(Mark 9:14-29)

PREACHER

Arnold Lim

May 16, 2021

True Spirituality

(Matthew 6:1-8)



PREACHER

Dr Peter Ng

May 23, 2021

How Do We Relate to God – Reflections from a Psalm of David

(Psalm 16:1-11)



PREACHER

Lee Yee Dian

May 30, 2021

Kingdom Fasting

(Matthew 6:16-18)



PREACHER

Ps Leon Lim

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PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

Praying Scripturally



1. Pray that we will not conform to the world

Lord, may we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to You. May we not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Then we will be able to test and approve what Your will is – Your good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1-2)

2. Pray that we will trust in the Lord completely

Lord, may we trust You with all our hearts and lean not on our own understanding. May we acknowledge You in all our ways and look to You to make our paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5)

3. Pray that we will accept instruction

Lord, instruct us and teach us in the way we should go. Counsel us and watch over us. (Psalm 32:8)

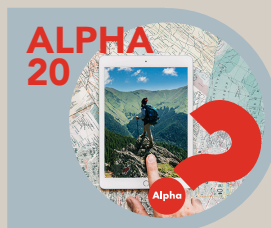
4. Pray that we will desire to be with those who love the Lord

Lord, may we flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on You out of a pure heart. (2 Timothy 2:22)

5. Pray that we will turn to the Lord for salvation

Lord, may You open our eyes and turn us from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to You, so that we may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus. (Acts 26:18)

| Upcoming Events



Is There More to Life Than This?

22 July to 7 October 2021

Every Thursday

8:00pm

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The Pastoral Epistles

Study on the Books of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy & Titus

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Daily Prayer Meeting

Every Saturday to Thursday

9:00pm

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Monthly Prayer Meeting

29 May (Saturday)

2:00pm to 3:30pm

Zoom ID: 869 8003 5137

Password: pray

[More Information on Upcoming Events](#)