



A Mother's Comfort

Isaiah 66:13
**As a mother comforts her
child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in
Jerusalem.**



**A mother to
whom to turn**

Grab Gather Grow

Week of Sunday, May 13, 2018

**Grab this study, gather a few people,
and grow in faith**

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 66:13

(read over the scripture together)
(see side panels)

OPENING PRAYER

O Wisdom Divine, just as you inspired the mothers of our faith, grant us your knowledge and discernment so that we can learn how to be clever in our compassion and courageous in our faith, through Christ and in the Spirit. Amen.

DISCUSSION (one or two or ...)

Discuss the following poem by Taylor Rouanzion:

*I cry out without sound to Him I've been told
is there,
But my soul yearns for something more.
He knows my pain, yes,
But so does She. And
A mother's pain
Needs a Mother's comfort.*

Pastor Rich on Sunday opened up his message talking about some of the best TV moms. Google the phrase "Best TV Moms" and you find a few lists. Discuss some of the best TV moms. What characteristics did they demonstrate that reminds you of God? Does God have a maternal side? Discuss together why our images of God seem to be so male dominated even though the Bible is filled with maternal images.

Comfort is a major theme in scripture. How do you experience God's comfort?

SERVE

Our Change for Change this week, and for the rest of May, is going to support BUMC sending our children and youth to camp. Camping is a vital part of our ministry and saving our change, or making a special gift to help give scholarships to our children and youth helps so many of them go to a camp this summer. Can your **Gathering** raise some funds or give to Camp Scholarships? How about sponsoring a camper?

Our theme this week is comfort. How could you and your **Gathering** provide some comfort to someone this week?

At the end of the month is Memorial Day. Could your **Gathering** attend a Memorial Day Service on May 28th? If you can consider a service project, volunteer to help clean up the Cemetery of which you will be attending a Memorial Day Service.

Extra Scripture Reading for May...

We will be reading together *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. Pick up a copy at BUMC and in May read through it with your Bible alongside. In June and July we will walk through it again by sections.



FAITH
share read talk pray bless



AT HOME THIS WEEK

Share your High and Low of the day; read the daily scripture; talk about it; pray about each others highs and lows, and at the end of the day, bless each other with the blessing below or one of your own.

SUNDAY: Isaiah 66:13

MONDAY: Psalm 94:16-19

TUESDAY: Deuteronomy 32:11-12

WEDNESDAY: Deuteronomy 32:18

THURSDAY: Isaiah 49:14-16

FRIDAY: Jeremiah 32:26-27

SATURDAY: Jeremiah 29:4-7

BLESSING: "As Mom comforts you, so may God comfort you!"