

God's Love Made Tangible

Mother's Day 2022



Leader

¹Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. ²Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all His benefits—

The Church

³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.



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⁶The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. ⁷He made known His ways to Moses, His deeds to the people of Israel: ⁸The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

The Church

⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; ¹⁰ He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.



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¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

The Church

¹³ As a father has compassion on His children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; ¹⁴ for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust.



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15 The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;
16 the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

The Church

¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children— ¹⁸ with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts.



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19 The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.

Everyone

²⁰ Praise the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, who obey his word. ²¹ Praise the Lord, all His heavenly hosts, you His servants who do His will. ²² Praise the Lord, all His works everywhere in His dominion. Praise the Lord, my soul.

God needed both male and female to complete His image.

Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

Four aspects of God's love made tangible in mothers.



His love is nurturing.





He loves with gentleness and tenderness.



3.
His love is sacrificial.



4.

He knows us and loves us as we are.



1. God's love is nurturing.

The definition of nurturing is to provide food, protection, comfort, and support.

2. God's love is gentle and tender.

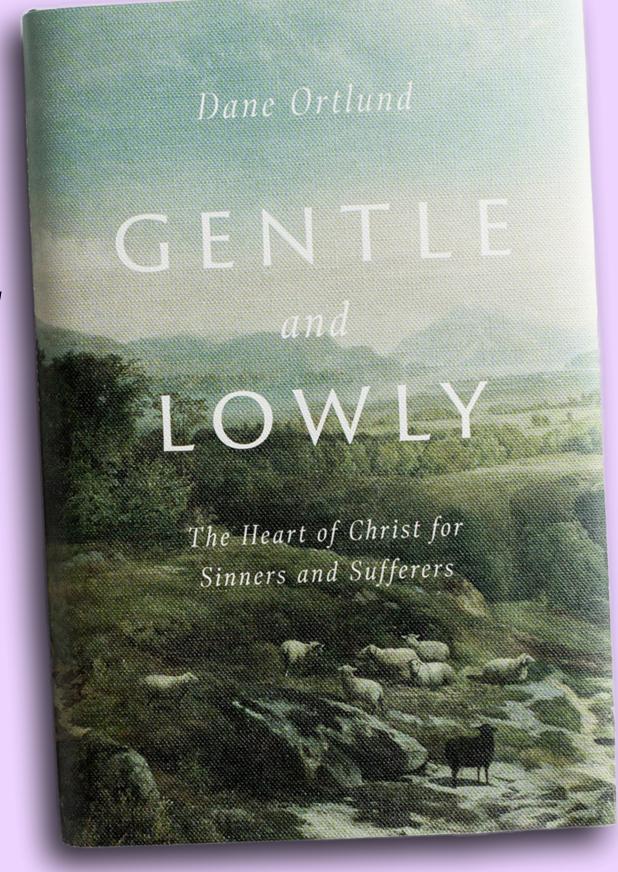
Jesus defined Himself by His gentleness in Matthew 11:28-30.

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



"But for the penitent, his heart of gentle embrace is never outmatched by our sins and foibles and insecurities and doubts and anxieties and failures. For lowly gentleness is not one way Jesus occasionally acts toward others. Gentleness is who he is. It is his heart. He can't un-gentle himself toward his own any more than you or I can change our eye color. It's who we are."



Gentle and Lowly
DANE C. ORTLUND

3. God's love is sacrificial.

Jesus' sacrifice was made plain in Philippians 2:6-8.

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6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage;

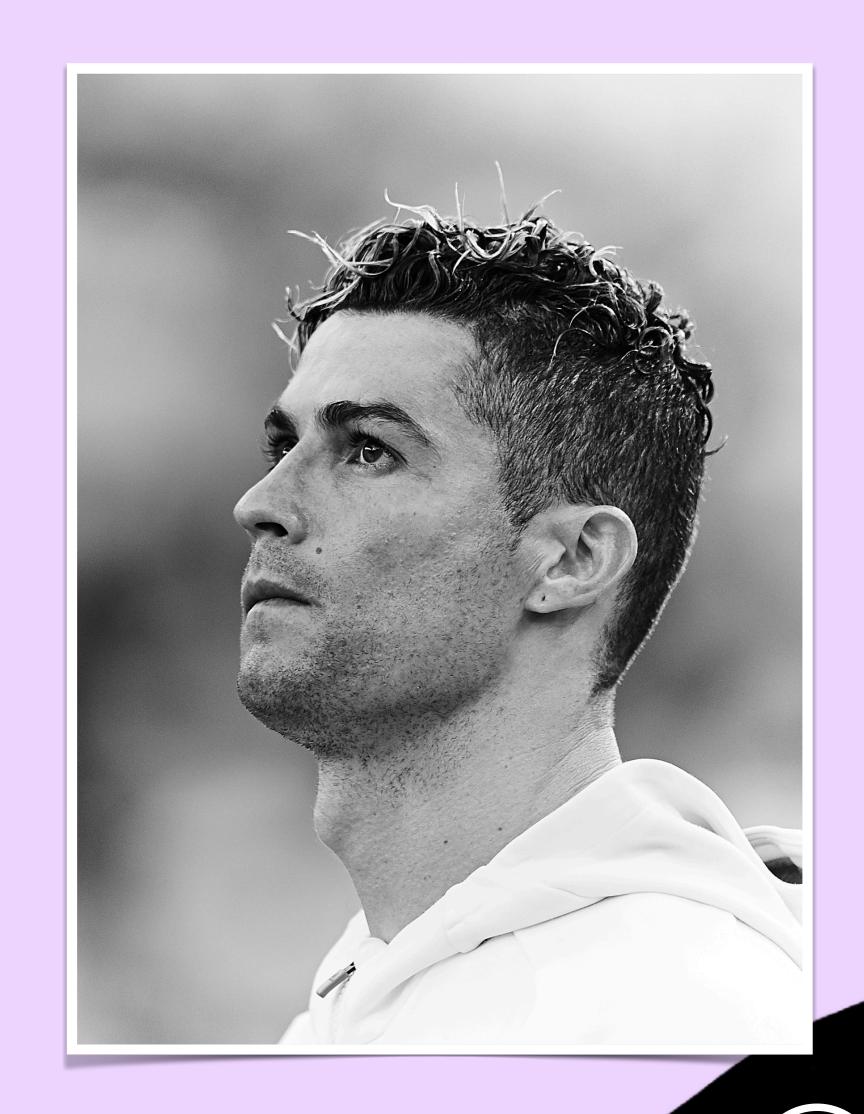
⁷ rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!



"My mother has raised me by sacrificing her life for me. She slept hungry at night so that I can eat. We did not have money and she worked 7 days a week so that I could be a football player. My whole success is dedicated to her."

Cristiano Ronaldo



4. God knows us and loves us as we are.

God created mothers so that we would receive love through them that would one day help us recognize Him.

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God is able to heal and restore the wounds our mothers created because He is the source of every expression of a mother's love.