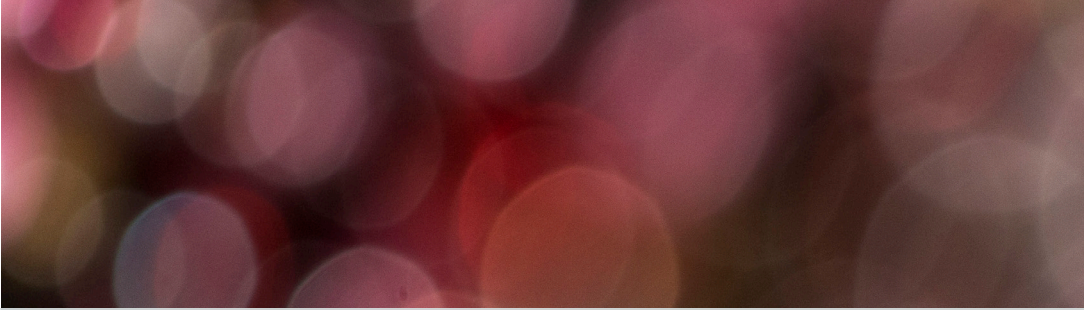


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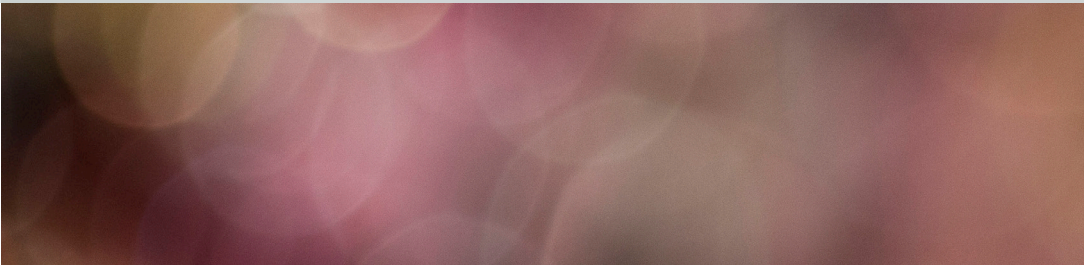
Created in the Image of God

MOTHERHOOD

Mother of all Living

And Adam called his wife's name
Eve, because she was the mother
of all living. Genesis 3:20

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SCHEDULE

Session 1

Made In His Image
Original Intent

Session 2

Where Are You?
Discipline

Session 3

Battle For The Seed
Prayer Warriors

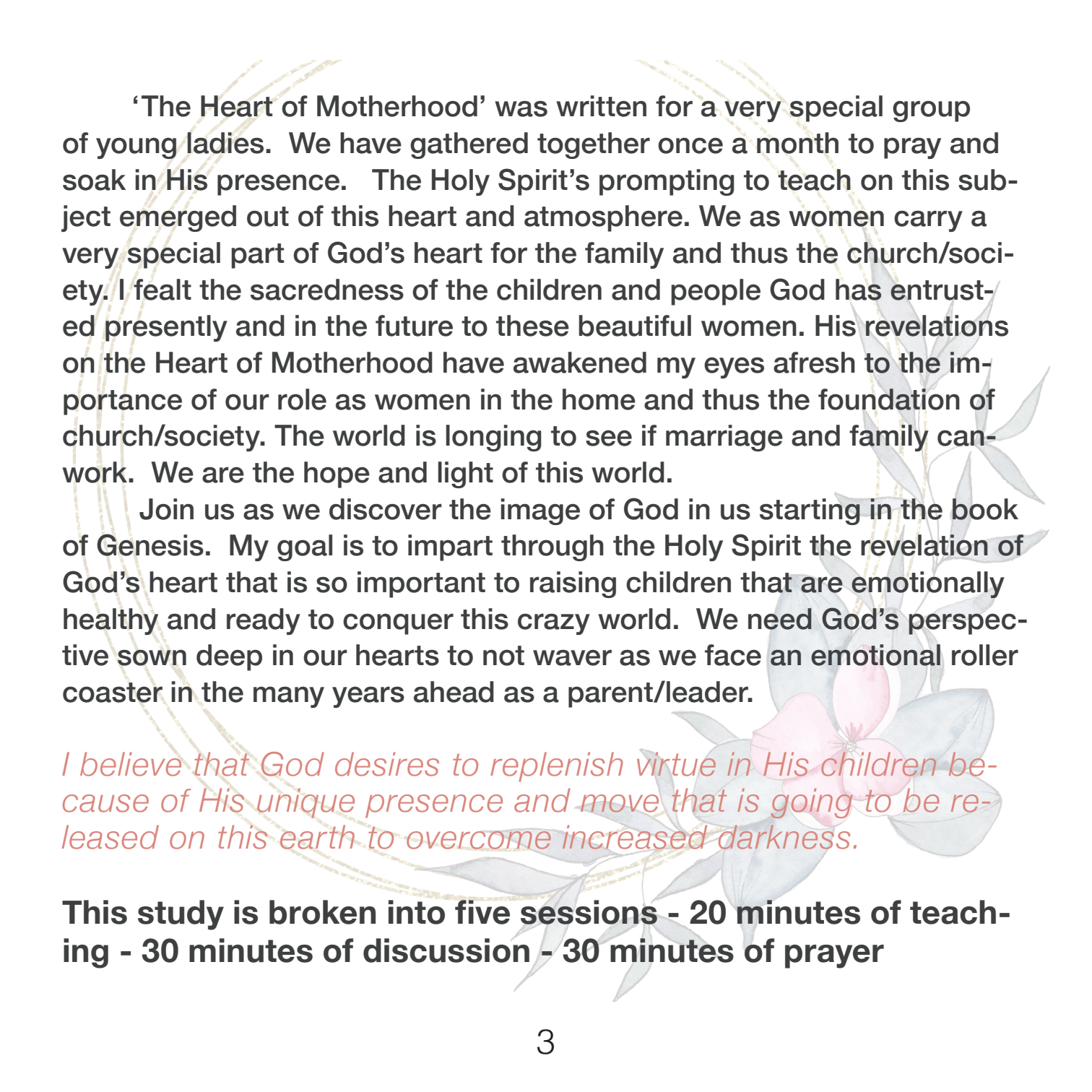
Session 4

Restoration To The Beginning
Hope For The Future

SEED OF PROMISE

REDEMPITIVE INSTRUMENT

HOPE



‘The Heart of Motherhood’ was written for a very special group of young ladies. We have gathered together once a month to pray and soak in His presence. The Holy Spirit’s prompting to teach on this subject emerged out of this heart and atmosphere. We as women carry a very special part of God’s heart for the family and thus the church/society. I felt the sacredness of the children and people God has entrusted presently and in the future to these beautiful women. His revelations on the Heart of Motherhood have awakened my eyes afresh to the importance of our role as women in the home and thus the foundation of church/society. The world is longing to see if marriage and family can work. We are the hope and light of this world.

Join us as we discover the image of God in us starting in the book of Genesis. My goal is to impart through the Holy Spirit the revelation of God’s heart that is so important to raising children that are emotionally healthy and ready to conquer this crazy world. We need God’s perspective sown deep in our hearts to not waver as we face an emotional roller coaster in the many years ahead as a parent/leader.

I believe that God desires to replenish virtue in His children because of His unique presence and move that is going to be released on this earth to overcome increased darkness.

This study is broken into five sessions - 20 minutes of teaching - 30 minutes of discussion - 30 minutes of prayer

Intro

THE HEART OF MOTHERHOOD

Mother of all Living

Overview

Original Intent - We will start at the beginning of creation connecting to God's original intent. When we see God's heart as the first parent of humanity, Adam and Eve, we can see how freedom, purity, boundaries, and discipline work in directing them to a relationship with Him and each other. We will contemplate how we carry God's heart of protecting and drawing out God's original intent and potential in our kids.

Discipline to Redemption - We see how God disciplined, covered, and walked out justice when mankind fell from grace. We will contemplate how that relates to us as parents/leaders. Subjects addressed; what is the right heart behind disciplining, what does unity with God and others look like, and how do we maintain an emotionally healthy environment through discipline and love?

The Curse - We will discover why women struggle with deep sorrow in this life and hopefully get a deeper understanding of the redemptive qualities of the Holy Spirit and ultimately the hope of heaven. A man and woman have certain vulnerabilities related to the curse that gives us an understanding of how to stand in the gap on behalf of our family and others.

Faith not Fear - Our primary mission is to partner with and abide in Christ through the Holy Spirit. This is our current redemption on this earth. Ultimately our heart's desires are fulfilled within this relationship strengthening us to mother/lead freely without fear and control. We will discuss what that looks like in specific and practical ways.

HE WILL BE GREAT

God's Promise to Bring a Redeemer from the Seed of the Woman

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.” Gen 3:15

“And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.” Genesis 3:20

“ And having come in, the angel said to her, Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!” But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her “ Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the son of the Highest and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” Luke 1:28-33

“Then Mary said, ‘Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word and the angel departed from her. Luke 1:38

“Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord” Luke 1:45

Reign over the house of Jacob forever

Give Him the throne of His father David

Son of the Highest



What is the Heart of Motherhood to You?

“Radical redesign of everything we know; our values, our skills, our perspective, our ego, our empathy, perpetual failure at multitasking. The ultimate roller coaster of joy and sorrow, comfort and fear, love and hate, fast and slow, past and future.”

Libby Chisholm Fearnley

“I’d like to tell you what motherhood means to me except it’s challenging to sit at my desk while my pockets are full of rocks. In the four years I have spent as a mom that’s what I’ve become. I am the rock holder. My pockets are heavy with rock, rocks sag in my backpack. They clunk in my coat. My son finds these rocks and urges me to have them, slip them into my good purse, and sweetens the deal with crumbling leaves, an array of sticks, wildflowers and the occasional cicada shell. He gives me the world, or tries to.”

Maggie Downs

“She is vulnerable, and she is strong (just hurt her child and you’ll see), she has been elevated and she has been demeaned (she is just a mom). She is full and she is empty. Who says she can’t have it all? She has everything.”

Sharon Holbrook

“ I remember sitting with my firstborn laying on my chest about three months after he was born, realizing that this child is mine. It was mind blowing to me to be responsible for another living being at the young age of 22. No one interviewed me or prepared me. I just dove in and let my heart love, pressing into God trying to let Him lead the way. I remember marveling at how much I could love another human being. I felt emotions that filled my heart with wonder. It is the greatest miracle of all times to feel your child growing inside of you. We as women get to experience laboring to bring a part of us into the world for the first time. For those who adopt a child their labor is just as intense in a different way (if not more so).

Our child needs us. The growth of self sacrifice and willingness to do whatever it takes to be a good mom isn't even a choice. It becomes who we are. You get used to being tired all the time, full of wonder as they change daily, dreaming of who they will be when they grow up and thankful when they sleep through the night. You are lucky if you have five minutes in peace to go to the bathroom, yet we do it again and again. We are building a family.

I am now a grandma and get to watch my kids experience this incredible ride of love. I didn't think I would find so much joy in watching them parent. God's heart toward me is reflected back at me continually as I watch my kids grow. There is no greater honor.
Jodi Burgess



BREAK OUT
INTRO
SESSION

The Heart of Motherhood

1. Share your interpretation or view of what the heart of Motherhood is, including specific actions and feelings.

2. If we are made in God's image, His nature is the heart of a mother (and father). How do you connect to the mothering nature of God?

Rom. 8:22-28 _____

1 Cor. 1:3 _____

2 Cor. 1:4 _____

Psa. 23:3 _____

34:18 _____

119: 76 _____

Gal. 4:19 _____

Isaiah 51:3, 66:7-13 _____

Luke 19:41-44 _____

Influences & Goals

3. How has your mother influenced your perspective on motherhood?

Was it a good influence or a challenging and complicated one?

4. Who do you look up to in your life as an example of the heart of motherhood?

5. What is your biggest challenge or struggle in walking out the heart of motherhood?

6. What would your family or leadership team successfully look like in 20 years?

This is your time to dream and believe big

God will give you the heart and strategy to contend for and direct your family or team toward Godly emotional health.