

Faithful Family

RELATING TO ONE ANOTHER AS GOD RELATES TO US



The Bible teaches us to
relate to God like **FAMILY**.



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Isaiah uses a **maternal metaphor** to explain God's relationship with his people.

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Isaiah 43:1

English Standard Version

¹ But now thus says the Lord, he who **created you**, O Jacob, he who **formed you**, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have **redeemed you**; I have **called you by name**, you are mine.



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Isaiah 43:2

English Standard Version

² When you pass through the waters, **I will be with you**;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

A silhouette of a family consisting of an adult male, an adult female, and two children walking across a grassy hill. The male is on the left, pointing towards the horizon. The female is on the right, holding the hand of a small child. Another child is walking between them. The background is a dark, cloudy sky.

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Isaiah 43:3-4

English Standard Version

³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because **you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you**, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

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Isaiah 43:5-7

English Standard Version

⁵ Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶ I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring **my sons** from afar and **my daughters** from the end of the earth, ⁷ everyone who is called by **my name**, whom I created for **my glory**, whom I **formed** and **made**.”

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Isaiah 46:1-2

English Standard Version

¹ Bel bows down; Nebo stoops; their idols are on beasts and livestock; these things you **carry** are **borne** as burdens on weary beasts. ² They stoop; they bow down together; they **cannot save** the burden, but themselves **go into captivity**.

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Isaiah 46:3-4

English Standard Version

³ “Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who **have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb;** ⁴ even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will **carry** you. I have **made**, and I will **bear**; I will **carry** and will **save**.

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Isaiah 49:13-14

English Standard Version

¹³ Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted. ¹⁴ But Zion said, “The Lord has **forsaken me**; my Lord has **forgotten me**.”

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Isaiah 49:15-16

English Standard Version

¹⁵ “Can a woman **forget** her **nursing child**, that she should have no compassion on the **son of her womb**?

Even **these may forget**, yet **I will not forget you**.

¹⁶ Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

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Isaiah 66:7-8

English Standard Version

⁷ “Before she was in labor she gave birth; before her pain came upon her she delivered a son. ⁸ Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment? For as soon as Zion was in labor she brought forth her children.

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Isaiah 66:9-11

English Standard Version

⁹ Shall I bring to the point of birth and not cause to bring forth?" says the Lord; "shall I, who cause to bring forth, shut the womb?" says your God. ¹⁰ "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; ¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; **that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.**"

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Isaiah 66:12-13

English Standard Version

¹² For thus says the Lord: “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees.

¹³ As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

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God's loving loyalty
exalts, exceeds, and enhances
a mother's love.

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