

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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WARM UP QUESTION: Have you ever felt frustrated because your business venture, garden, someone or something you put a lot of effort into was unproductive?

READ: Isaiah 55:11

FOCUS: God has a plan! Despite our pain, there is promise.

OBSERVE:

- In Jeremiah 31:3, God is speaking to His people. We see how much He loves Israel: “The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: ‘I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.’”
- Here, Israel has strayed from where God wanted them to be. We hear about the suffering and pain they have experienced. Then, more importantly, we read about redemption, deliverance and joy that follows their sorrow. There is hope!

REFLECT:

- In a nutshell, all of this sounds very much like our lives today. God has a plan for our lives. Sometimes we stray from His direction, and there are consequences.
- Even when we don't stray, there are challenges, disappointments, pain and sorrow. During all this, the holy Scriptures remind us of God's great love and that we can be encouraged to know there is a light at the end of any dark tunnel we encounter.

TAKE ACTION:

- Remind yourself that your present pales in comparison with the glory that will be revealed to you.
- Talk about ways that you can focus on the bigger picture of your present lives and eternity in Heaven.

PRAY: Heavenly Father, we know that You have a plan for each and every one of us, from beginning to end. We desire to trust You, even when we don't understand, and rest in all that You have promised us. When life gets tough, Jesus, help us see how Your sacrifice makes those promises able to be fulfilled. Holy Spirit, activate faith and power in us! Amen.