

God's Gift of Love

Here, encourage them to continue to forgive about anything they think of, and as they begin to audibly forgive for things they remember of their own childhood, you will add these to your list for use another time.

Continue Ministry:

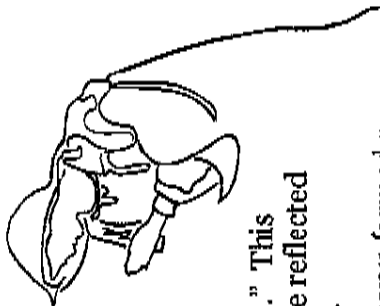
In the name of Jesus, I release you from your pain. I release you to be the woman /man God intended you to be and I speak healing to your broken heart. Father God, heal the places of hurt and abandonment, heal these hearts that have been so broken and damaged. Share with us, your presence and your love, and hold these your children in your arms, carry them in your arms and gently lead them as you created their Mothers to do.

End by encouraging them to continue to forgive their mothers as God brings up more things they remember. This will continue the healing process.

Ministry of the Mother's Love

Background Teaching

The Scriptures tell us that the image of God is both male and female. **Genesis 1:27** says, "So God created man in his own image, created he him, male and female, created he them." This points out that God's image is to be reflected in both our father and our mother.



Consider **Psalms 139:13-16**, "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them."

God's image, reflected in the Mother, is seen throughout scripture. God says, He is tenderhearted, He is full of tender mercies, He gathers the lambs with his arm and carries them in his bosom, gently leads those with young, He is full of loving kindness, teaching and guiding.

Isaiah 49:15-16 says, "Can a woman forget her (nursing) sucking child that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands." In **Ps. 27:10**, David says, "When my father and mother forsake (abandon) me, the Lord will take me up."

When seen through God's eyes, both a mother and a father would properly nurture a child. In growing up, our mothers did not always nurture us as God would have had them do and perhaps they forsook us or abandoned us in some way or another. Without this love and nurture that God intended, this is often a fundamental source of a broken heart and separation from an intimate relationship with God.

Begin Ministry:

Today, I will stand here in place of your Mother. I take responsibility for you as a sister and stand in for your pain.

What your mother did not say or could not say because of her issues in her life, I will say to you today and you will hear these words in your heart. These are the things your Father God wanted you to hear from your mother.

Sometimes it is helpful asking forgiveness first and then say the things they should have heard their mother say. . Take your time saying each of these things. Sometimes you will know or have some indication that the person is saying in her heart - "My mother wouldn't say these things to me." Assure them that these are the things she would have said and that God created her to say and wanted her to say.

Then speak the words their heart needs to hear:

- I love you.
- I was so glad when I was pregnant with you and I was so happy when you were born.
- I am so proud of you.
- You are a good daughter / good son.

Then continue:

On behalf of your mother,

- Will you forgive me for not telling you that I loved you and not showing you I loved you,
- for not hugging you and holding you so that you knew you were loved?
- I am so sorry for my silence that confused you and injured you and for using silence to punish you.
- Will you forgive me for abusing you,
 - Verbally,
 - Emotionally,
 - Physically,
 - Mentally,
- will you forgive me for not keeping you safe,
- for not letting you know how proud I was of you?
- I am so sorry for blaming you,
- for not believing in you,
- for not knowing or caring when you were hurting,
- Will you forgive me for criticizing you and seeing and telling you the things you did wrong - not seeing and telling you the good things,
- for not blessing you and telling you how important you are/were to me,
- for leaving you (*by dying or divorce or abandonment fill this in?*)
- Forgive me for not listening to you, not listening to your heart, for showing partiality to your siblings, and comparing you to them.
- Please forgive me for holding on to you to fulfill my dreams and not releasing you.

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