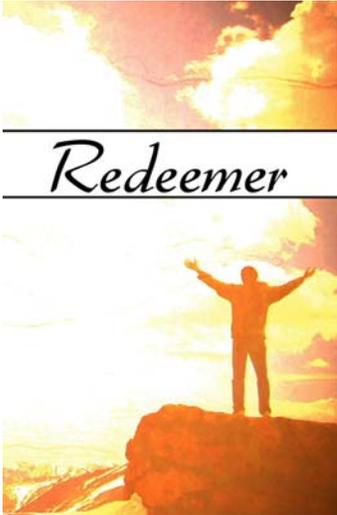


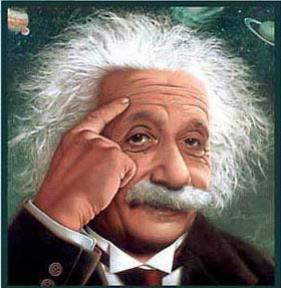


Good News for Weary Moms

...there is a Redeemer



A Thought Experiment



- What do you want most *from* your children?
- What is the impact on your relationship?
- What are metaphors there for?
 - *If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!*

Matt 7:11

"Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb?



Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.

"Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands;

Your walls are continually before Me.

Isaiah 49:15-17 (NASB)

The Fruit of a Faulty Foundation

- God is grieved
- Our relationship with God is limited, impoverished
- We are cut off from experiencing His grace and care.
- We will misinterpret God's activity in our lives.
- We will misrepresent who God is to our children and others.



- His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life **through our knowledge of him** who called us by his own glory and goodness. ... ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, **knowledge**; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive **in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**. ⁹ But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.
- 2 Pet 1: 1-11 (NIV)

Knowing God

- He is faithful
- He is gracious
- He is mindful
- He is righteous
- He is steadfast
- His promises are new every morning
- He is patient
- He is trustworthy
- He is merciful
- He will never forget us
- He gives good gifts
- He cares for us
- He forgives us
- He protects us
- He is with us
- He goes before us

When God shows up, He talks about Himself



O For A Thousand Tongues!

*O for a thousand tongues to
sing my great Redeemer's
praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!*

How Shall We Then Live?

- **Talk** about our mistakes without condemnation.
- **Be transparent** about our uncertainties and struggles.
- **Recognize** the responsibility (burden) God has given us in teaching our children is the “light” part of the load.

- **Draw attention** to God’s redemptive work – His ample grace and His faithful care.
- **Don't look** horizontally to what others are doing as a measurement of your success or failure – are those people working redemptively in your life?

- Live your life with joyous abandon because you know there is a Redeemer and your sins are forgiven; your mistakes have not been made with a permanent marker.

A homeschool mom who knows God:

