

Easter 5 Gospel Reflection--John 14:1-14

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I was thinking all week about God, and the demand of Philip by asking Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?"

I am more confused, who is the Lord, God the father, Lord Jesus, if he is the God who is walking with disciples?

Does God have gender? Maybe he is a she and we have no idea when we call to her in prayers. What should I call him? Is he a man or men? Can I call her Mother?

I searched the personality of a mother and come up with all this:

- Patient. One of the first things new moms learn (aside from the importance of sleep) is patience
- Consistent
- Forgiving
- Calm
- Organized
- Loving
- Friendly
- Fierce, and many more...

And wow, how close all these are to the Lord's character? It looks like God put some of his attributes in moms. She is a creator and giver of life. Any mom would die for her baby. Any mom forgets about herself and sacrifices her life for the children.

Thinking about the time Jesus was born, in that time the women and children were not included in numbers. For example: they said Jesus fed 5000 but they only counted the men, not the whole family.

Can I call them heavenly mother?

I believe if that makes my relationship with the Lord better, why not?

Parenting is a cooperation of both parents but if we only have one parent available what is our choice. God has answers to all these questions and I am challenging all of you to think about it. Maybe we can talk about it when we can or just email each other and bring up our voices and prayers for all.

Happy Mother's Day!

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