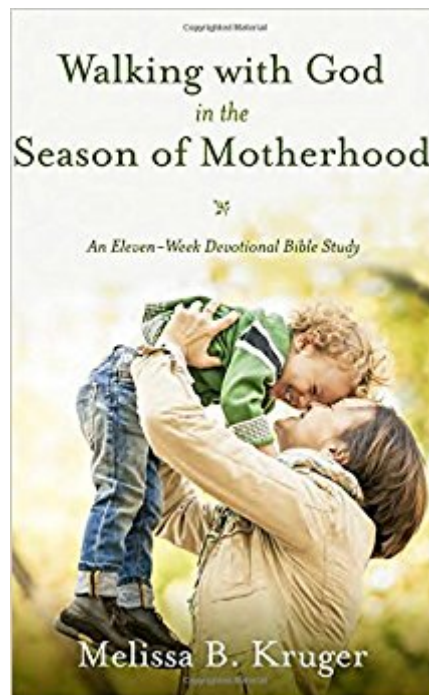




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# Walking With God In The Season Of Motherhood: An Eleven-Week Devotional Bible Study



## Synopsis

Learn how God's imprint on your heart can make a lasting impression on your children. Being a mom usually means being busy. Really busy. Whether you're zipping from your children's piano lessons to their next ballgame or nursing a baby while comforting a toddler, life is brimming with activities. Yet one encounter can help shape every moment: time in the Word with Jesus. In *Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood*, you'll learn how to nourish your own heart, mind, and soul with the wisdom you need to become the mother you long to be. As you spend time with God through this eleven-week Bible study, you'll gain life-shaping insights to help you:

- Understand and pursue your purpose as a mother
- Live out your true priorities
- Entrust your child to God
- Bear the fruit of the Spirit in your everyday interactions
- Recover from Perfect Mom Syndrome (PMS)

Each week offers four days of study geared specifically to a mother's concerns, with the Bible passages already printed out for your convenience. The fifth day is a warm-hearted devotional reading to help you reflect on and apply the truths you've learned. As your relationship with God deepens through prayer and studying His Word, you'll discover how His imprint on your heart can make a lasting impression on your children.

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## Customer Reviews

“What a personal, practical meditation on God’s Word! I love this careful, in-depth study of the fruit of the Spirit applied to motherhood. This book would be great to study alone or, better yet, with other women in varying stages of motherhood.” •Kristie Anyabwile, wife of a church-planting pastor, mom of three, and a discipler of women

“Timely biblical wisdom and rich devotional theology from an author, colleague, friend (and mom!) I trust. Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood will be a real encouragement to believers in the midst (or on the cusp) of the demanding season of motherhood. And frankly, dads should read and learn from it too.” •Ligon Duncan, chancellor and CEO, Reformed Theological Seminary

“In this interactive study Melissa Kruger takes moms, with all our insecurities and inconsistencies and uncertainties, to Scripture, where we find wisdom, encouragement, instruction, correction, and, best of all, grace.” •Nancy Guthrie, author of One Year of Dinner Table Devotions and Discussion Starters

“During the busy days of motherhood, getting into the Bible can be difficult. Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood is a perfect Bible study tool that equips and instructs us from the Word of God with encouragement specifically geared to a mother’s heart. Reading Melissa Kruger’s words will leave you deeply encouraged and challenged without being overwhelmed.” •Trillia Newbell, author of Fear and Faith: Finding the Peace Your Heart Craves and United: Captured by God’s Vision for Diversity

“I speak with the authority of a mom who has investigated paths that led nowhere. Moms don’t need good advice for choosing the best path based on collaborative best practices. What moms need most is to know and be known by the One who said that He is the way and the truth and the life. This Bible study is Christ centered and thoroughly encouraging; make the most of it by diving into Scripture with some of your friends.” •Gloria Furman, author of Glimpses of Grace and Treasuring Christ When Your Hands Are Full

“This book is like sitting down for an extended mentoring session with an experienced mother who warmly shares her world and her love for the Lord Jesus. Melissa Kruger shows how she has grounded her mothering in Scripture and encourages others to do the same. Through a series of topics both practical and theological, she keeps her promise to walk alongside you as you walk with God in the season of motherhood.”

•Kathleen B. Nielson, director of women’s initiatives for the Gospel Coalition and author of Bible Study: Following the Ways of the Word

“This book will be a lifeline for first-time mothers who are feeling their way in their new calling. But it is equally important for the rest of us mothers and even for grandmothers. Each day’s study uses substantive scriptures and soul-searching questions to reorient busy mothers toward walking with God in the mundane

moments. With a singular focus on the riches of God's Word, Melissa Kruger gently helps mothers in all circumstances to step beyond the feeding-schooling-vaccinating-diapering wars into something so much bigger: a life defined by and dependent on the glorious call of Christ.

• Megan Hill, writer for Hermeneutics and the Gospel Coalition and an editorial board member for Christianity Today

“Titus 2 calls older women to train younger women to love their children. In this Bible study Melissa Kruger obeys the Titus mandate. But she does more. She gives the church a practical, gospel-focused resource for older women to disciple younger women in the high calling of motherhood.”

• Susan Hunt, wife of a retired pastor, mother, grandmother, and author of several books for women and children

“Melissa Kruger is a rare find as a friend and mentor to moms! In her devotional Bible study, she walks moms through eleven weeks of daily reflections that will shape a busy mom's heart to trust in God. Along the way she shares wisdom and tips from her own experience. Key memory verses, certain to transform hearts, are given for both moms and their children. I warmly recommend this devotional study for a mom's personal reading and for older women wanting to guide younger moms.”

• Margaret Käpferstenberger, ThD, adjunct Professor of Women's Studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and coauthor of God's Design for Man and Woman: A Biblical-Theological Survey

Melissa Kruger teaches women at Uptown Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, and at conferences around the country. She regularly writes articles for the Gospel Coalition and Christianity.com, and she is the author of *The Envy of Eve*. Melissa's most cherished roles include being a wife to Mike, president of Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, and a mother to her three children, Emma, John, and Kate.

A friend recommended this book to me and I am so glad! This 11 week devotional Bible study is full of solid foundational truths. Ones that you may know but need to be reminded of and meditate upon. Kruger does this in a way that is so encouraging and a blessing, to not only the reader but to those in the life of the reader. You do not feel like you are being preached to but rather lifted up and encouraged, strengthened, as iron sharpens iron. I truly cannot say enough good things about the study! In fact I plan on reading through it again. It is just that good! Highly recommend!

A few of the things that I think you may want to know is that this devotional study includes the scripture verses written in the book and each day's Study usually takes about 10 to 15 minutes at the most to complete. It's an 11 weeks study with five days for each week to go through. Four of the days have

thought-provoking questions and the last day of the week is a devotional reading. There are other wonderful tools located in the back of the book as well. I bought this as a paperback but a friend of mine who did it with me got hers on an e-reader. She said that it was harder for her as far as doing the notes and the questions, and looking things back up for discussion purposes. If you're just doing this on your own the e-reader may work, but if you're doing this with a group, or even just for yourself and you like to write things down you may want to buy the paperback.

I have mixed feelings on this book. For new Christians and mom's with school age kids, this book is great. Having grown up in the church the questions felt basic. My small group felt the same way. We appreciated all the resources in the back. It definitely encouraged conversation and inspired us to be better moms, I guess I was anticipating something more in depth. Most of us had young kids, so the discipline and parenting techniques didn't apply as much.

If you are looking for your purpose as a mother, this book is a must read. The author arranges this devotional study on motherhood around solid Biblical principles and truths. Throughout the study, you will be reminded about your purpose first and foremost as a daughter of God, and then as a wife and mother to your children. There are wonderful and practical parenting ideas integrated throughout the study, but the primary focus of this book is to draw a woman closer to God. Many other parenting books focus on subjective suggestions or techniques for parenting. This book focuses on God's purpose and plans for mothers. You will be greatly encouraged as a mother while reading this book, whether you are a new mom or are raising older kids. It can be used as a daily devotional with weekly lessons arranged in an easy-to-follow format with scripture reading followed by interpretation, observation, and application questions. This book will have you deep in scripture, drawing you closer to God and helping you to pour out solid teaching to your children.

This devotion was a gift from my sister in law and since going through it I have gifted it to other new moms. The book feel/style is like an older book but it's what the content inside that makes it so wonderful. It's a question and you answer type book so you do fill in answers in the book if you'd like. (I recommend doing it in a journal) why? Because this is the kind of devotional you can repeat and do over and over as your kids get older/as new kids come into your family.

This study was phenomenal! I was so sad when it ended. Melissa Kruger has done a tremendous job of using God's word and the truths of who he is to pierce and rekindle the reader's heart; making

it soft and eager to have God shape his will and his vision of motherhood out of it. My own perspective was challenged greatly and my heart which was feeling like I'll never live up to the image I have of who I should be as a mom was refocused to know that who I am is just who I need to be because it is where God has me now. Grace covers all. I am a mom of two (4yr old and a 2yr old) with one on the way. I loved that there were verses to memorize, and only five days of study per week which made it so much more manageable without guilt. I am truly thankful for the blessing this study is and cannot recommend it enough!

This Bible Study is amazing!!! As a new mom I needed help with my quiet time. This study was perfect to get me back into the Word and help me focus on who God has called me to be as a mom! In today's world it's easy to focus on just worldly development of your child, Melissa helps you think through the spiritual development of your child!! It's now on my list to buy new moms!!!

I was looking for a devotional book that would speak to motherhood. I was disappointed to find that every time I dug into this book/workbook the topic seemed to always be that mothers need to spend time and all the verses to look up kept emphasizing why we should spend time with God. I kept thinking "I know, that's why I tried to get a devotional book I don't need to keep being told how I need to spend time with God that's what I'm trying to do."

This is a great devotional study that I would recommend for any mom in any stage of motherhood. When I first became a mom, I got lost in all the books that gave me the how-to's and should-be's of Christian motherhood (and womanhood). But Kruger does a great job of bringing us back to the Word of God and centering us, whether in marriage, motherhood, work, or any part of life, ON CHRIST and the GOSPEL. This is such an encouraging study (and made all the more practical and doable because all the passages are right there on the page!) This is a study that I am currently starting with an expectant mom, and I think it will lay such a great foundation as she steps into motherhood that glorifies God.

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