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Something has been rattling around in my brain; something that I was meditating on this morning. I believe the word the Lord was giving me was prompted by the first song, and The River of God teeming with life. And the word the Lord gave me this morning when I was praying was biology. And biology is obviously the study of life. Bio - life. Logos – word. It's the word of life. And I was thinking about this being mother's day and that every woman's womb is sacred space. It is a place where God chooses in his time and according to his purposes whether or not to bring forth - to reproduce life there in that womb. So every womb is sacred to the Lord. Whether it ever produces another child or not. It is not important. It is sacred space created by God. The whole notion in our culture that a woman has a right to her body and a right to choose - choice by very nature is contrary to God. It is something that says we have more authority than God over anything - anything at all - in our bodies or the world around us. But this idea that the place of life - and the womb being the place of life. And it struck me as we were singing and praying and giving praise to God, and God being so beautiful, that the church is not a fellowship. The church is not a community. It is not a gathering. It's not a synagogue. The church is a body. The church is a living organism. And it is like a mother's womb. It is a place where God reproduces his own. In his own likeness. And each one of us is created in the image of God. And it is here that we are recreated in his image and made new. It is here that God brings new life into the community. It is here in the Body of Christ that God creates new members of the body. And new members of this community. And so this is not an organization. It is not a corporation. This thing - this church - is the very Body of Christ. It's God's biology. God has chosen to make us One: every cell, every member of this Body is absolutely essential to the proper functioning of this biological entity called the Body of Christ - The Church. You are essential. You are important. You are absolutely indispensable to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You are an essential part His Body.

When we were singing, the verse came to me that Jesus said when the people were looking for him - his mother and brothers - and he said you are my mothers and brothers - those that love the Lord. And it just kind of reminded me that we think of ourselves as being each others' brothers and sisters, but there are times when we are also each others mothers and each others fathers. And that is such an important part in the body - not just in the family. Those are the times when Jesus said those are my mothers and those are my brothers. Those that love the Lord.

I can really just confirm that word, because I was just sitting here thinking when Bill was talking you know once you've been brought to life in this place you have an awfully big family. Because it is not just this family sitting here. This, if you will, is our "nuclear family." Church of the Resurrection is our nuclear family. But when you start thinking of our extended family - boy that's a big family.

I think it is appropriate that we sang this song on a day when we appreciate those we often take for granted. That is, mothers. The Holy Spirit is often something we take for granted too. God is just going to be there even if we don't think to thank him enough for it. So I thank you Lord; thank you for God the Holy Spirit. It's funny how the image during that song - like a lot of mothers on Mother's Day - the Holy Spirit was almost kind of embarrassed by the song. Not in a bad way, but sort of like an 'aw shucks' kind of way. Because the Holy Spirit is the part of the Trinity that doesn't point to himself. He never points to himself. He's not there for him. He's always pointing to the Father. He's always pointing to Jesus. He's always saying look go this way - go that way - no you need to go this way - here let me help you. It's a very mothering sort of thing - the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is always trying to encourage us, always trying to support us, always trying to point us the right way. He's not looking out for himself. He's not looking out for accolades, for us telling him we love him. He's just happy if we look to Jesus. He knows where the Father is. That's his job. He's like a mother to us. Thank you Holy Spirit for mothering us and taking care of us, pointing us the right way. Thank you Holy Spirit on this mother's day for pointing us to the Father.

