

## THE NURTURE OF GOD

*The Path* Sermon Questions for May 9, 2010

What seem to be some of the differences in the way that men and women think and act? What are some of the conflicts that arise in relationships because of these differences? How can we accept and appreciate these differences?

Scripture is clear that God is Spirit and neither male or female. If we are all created in the image of God, what are God's "masculine" attributes? What about God's "feminine" attributes?

What does compassion mean? What compassionate acts have you experienced? How did it make you feel? How is compassion a trait of God?

Read Psalm 91:3-6. How is "protecting" a trait of a mother? What does this passage say about the nurturing character of God?

Read Isaiah 49:13-16. What does this say of God's faithfulness? When has your mom stood up for you, when no one else would?

Read Isaiah 66:13 How has God comforted you in times in your life? Give an example.

How do we justify these "motherly" characteristics of God with the tragedies that happen in the world? (i.e. Haiti earthquakes, flooding in Tennessee and Kentucky, etc.)