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# For Those Grieving on Mother's Day

How Christ meets women during a holiday that's often marked by unmet desires.

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Mother's Day is a tricky holiday. Like any holiday, it is sweet for some and bitter for others. For some, it's both.

I remember feeling on the outside looking in on Mother's Day, first as a single woman and then after I miscarried our first. Our church had an entrance near the nursery called the Family Entrance. Could I use it? Were we a family? I finally used it regardless, almost as an act of defiance. Now, as the mother of a 4- and 6-year-old, I can deeply appreciate someone setting aside parking near an entrance that kept me from having to walk my toddlers across a busy intersection. But at the time I was dealing with emotions that weren't swayed by practical realities. I just wanted to be a mom. And that sign at the church entrance reminded me I wasn't.

It is an age-old conundrum in humanity in general and Christianity in particular: How do you honor someone who has something good that you want too? How do you applaud the sacrifices of one without minimizing the suffering of the other? ...

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