


The background of the image is a close-up, soft-focus photograph of pink peonies. The petals are numerous and layered, creating a dense, textured appearance in various shades of pink.

HAPPY
Mother's
Day



"Children are a gift from the Lord;
they are a reward from him."

PSALM 127:3



"May she who gave you birth be happy."

PROVERBS 23:25

The gospel's contention is this:

- Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace.
- Your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace.

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

If our families, be they biological or ecclesiological, are going to be built up in LOVE, we must understand that it's a calling to suffer and die to ourselves and live in our Savior's love through the Holy Spirit.

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1. Love Bears
 2. Love Rejoices
 3. Love Hopes

Love Bears...

To bear means to patiently endure one another's differences, trusting that God is bringing us on to maturity and wholeness.

To bear means to not allow our differences to impede my acceptance of you, my closeness with you and my kindness to you as I am honest with you (speaking truth in love).

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy."

PROVERBS 27:6

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“Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I’ll be glad to feed and walk him every day.”



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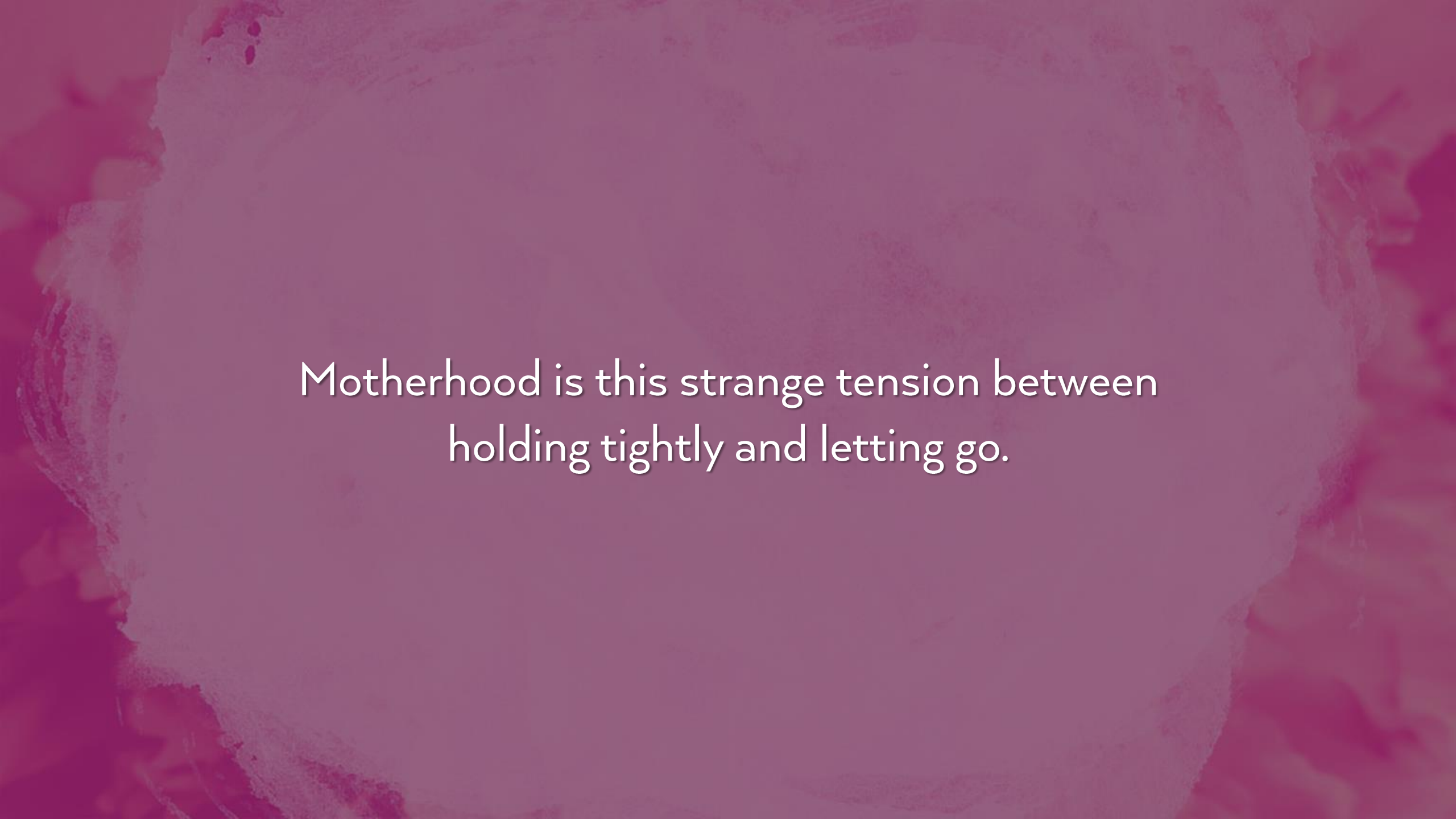
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“Well, if Timmy’s mom says it’s oKay, that good enough for me.”



Love Rejoices...

To Rejoice means “to be joying in truth”.



Motherhood is this strange tension between
holding tightly and letting go.

“As mothers, we want to grow our kids in the way we want them to grow and into the plans that we have for them, but our charge is to lead them to the Lord and help them grow in the plans he has for them.”

SUSAN SOARD

"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us—and He has given us everything. Gratitude, therefore, takes nothing for granted; is never unresponsive, and is constantly awakening to new wonder."

THOMAS MERTON



Love Hopes...

To hope means to see the yet unseen future
that God promises.

"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

PHILIPPIAN 1:6

"Envy stems from two preoccupations. First, we are obsessed with what we deserve. Our hearts refuse to remember grace and instead think only of what we have earned. Second, we are preoccupied with the present. The solution is to look up to the Lord and look ahead in HOPE. That is, we should realize that our true reward is based on God's grace—that in the end, believers will not lack anything.

Jesus did not complain about experiencing death when He deserved life—all so we could have life when we deserved death. When you realize what Jesus did for you, it will begin to erode your envy. If Jesus didn't complain when he experienced a life infinitely worse than he deserved, why should we complain when all of us get a life infinitely better than we deserve."

TIMOTHY KELLER