"I WISH MY MOMMA WOULD HAVE LOVED ME"

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Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant," declares the LORD. ²⁹ "In those days people will no longer say, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' ³⁰ Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; whoever eats sour grapes—their own teeth will be set on edge. Jeremiah 31:28-30

God wants to HEAL THE PAINS OF OUR PAST

I. Isaiah 49:13-16 NLT

¹³ Sing for joy, O heavens! Rejoice, O earth! Burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on them in their suffering. ¹⁴ Yet Jerusalem says, "The LORD has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us." "Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you! ¹⁶ See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands. Always in my mind is a picture of Jerusalem's walls in ruins.

God's NURTURING produces both...

MATURITY AND DEPENDENCE

So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. ² Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, ³ now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness. 1 Peter 2:1-3 NLT

II. Romans 8:26-27 NLT

²⁶ And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ²⁷ And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

God's **UNDERSTANDING** provides both...

TRUTH AND DIRECTION

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. ¹⁴ He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me.

John 16:13-14 NLT

III. Luke 13:34 ESV

¹³ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!"

God's PROTECTION provides both...

SAFETY AND TOGETHERNESS

All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory. ¹¹ Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. ¹² During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me.

John 17:10-12a NLT