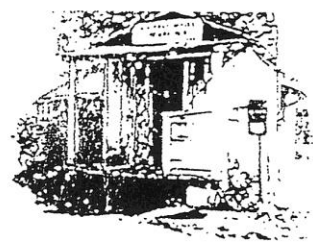




# The Acmar Soul Miner

*Searching for wisdom  
As for hidden treasures...  
For the Lord gives wisdom*



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**Greater love has no one than this ... to lay down one's life for friends. (John 15:13)**

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for another. That's the risk our mothers took to give us life.

Those who currently do mortality statistics call it "Maternal Mortality." It pertains to those who die from pregnancy problems, childbirth, or complications following giving birth.

As you would suppose, the figures from ancient times are obscure. It is thought that at times in human history, more than 30% of birth mothers died either during childbirth or afterwards with following complications.

As recently as 2017, the World Health Organization cited 300,000 maternal deaths. That's 800 deaths daily related to childbirth.

Even in the United States in 2021, there were 1,205 women who died of maternal causes. There are many factors that enter into these figures. With the awareness that most of these deaths were avoidable, some are working to see that "Every Mother Counts."

Our first Mother was Eve. God told her, "in pain you shall bring forth children." Yet, there was joy when she conceived from Adam and bore Cain. She gave God the credit as she said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD."

Motherhood is a partnership with God.

*God's Little Devotional Book for Moms* states: *Every mother has the breathtaking privilege of sharing with God in the creation of a new life. She helps bring into existence a soul that will endure for all eternity.*<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> God's Little Devotional Book for Moms. Tulsa, OK: Honor Books. 1995, p. 202.

**You formed my inward parts;  
You covered me in my mother's womb.  
Psalm 139:13**

A mother helps create the body of her child, and as her child grows, she nurtures its emotions and mind. Only God, however, can create the child's eternal soul.

A soul must have a body on this earth. A body has a soul. Both God and mother are partners in the creation of a baby from the moment of conception.

No privilege is greater than the privilege of creating another human being. And no act requires greater faith!<sup>2</sup>

*A baby is God's opinion  
that the world should go on.*<sup>3</sup>

There are precious verses in the Bible which liken God's love to the love of a mother.

**Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
And not have compassion  
on the son of her womb?**

**Surely they may forget,  
Yet I will not forget you.  
Isaiah 49:15**

**O Jerusalem, Jerusalem ...  
How often I wanted to gather your  
children together as a hen gathers her  
brood under her wings,  
but you were not willing!  
Matthew 23:37; Luke 13:34**

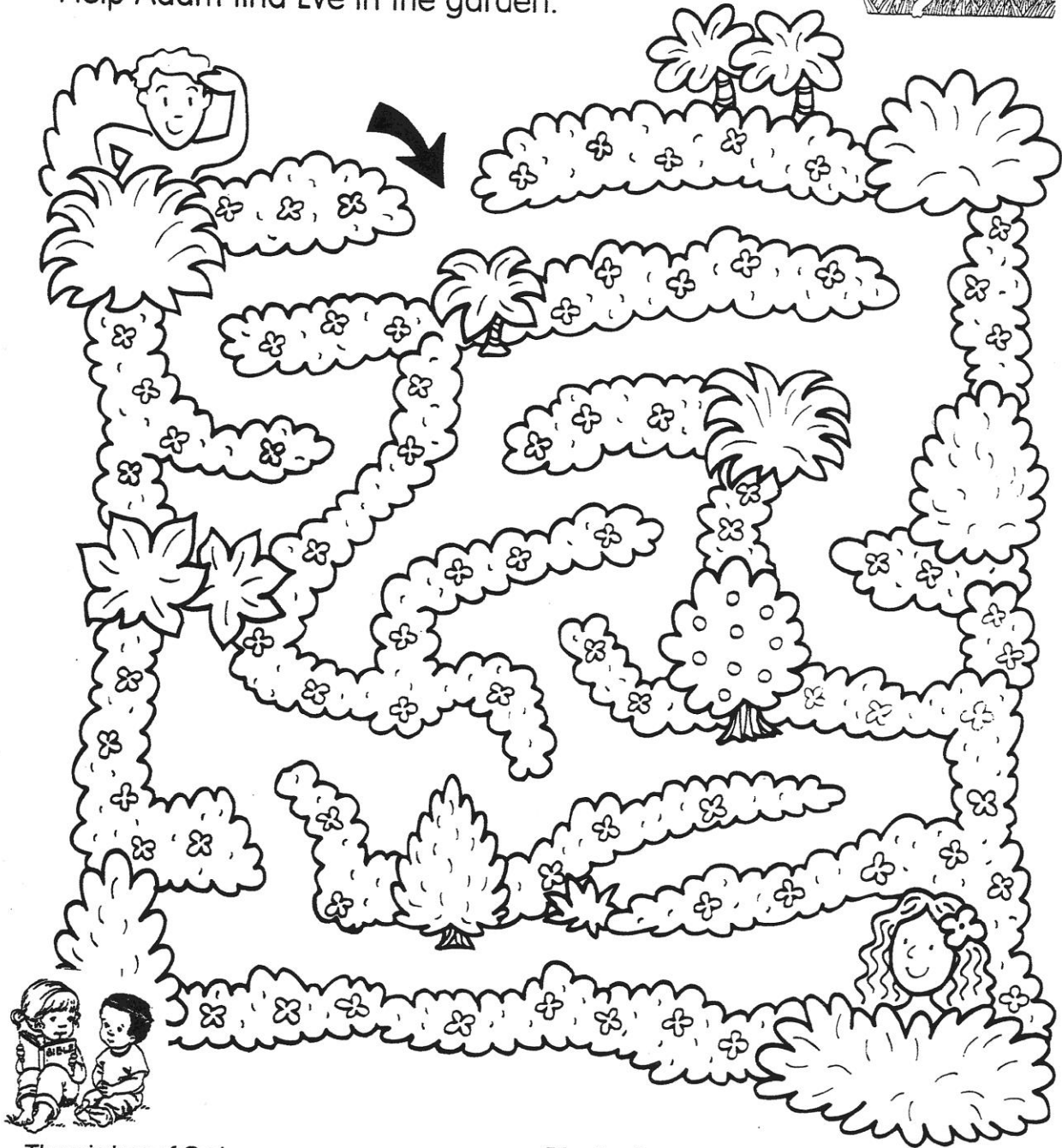
<sup>2</sup> God's Little Devotional Book for Moms.  
Page 203.

<sup>3</sup> God's Little Devotional Book for Moms.  
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# Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles #2.

Help Adam find Eve in the garden.



The wisdom of God.  
We see it in verses but sometimes we have  
to dig to uncover the meaning.

**Look Here:**  
*Eve gave birth to Cain and said, "I have  
been given a man from the LORD."  
(Genesis 2:4)*

**Digging In:**  
God created Adam and Eve.  
Eve was the first mother.  
She gave birth to a son and named him Cain.

Eve was grateful to God for her baby boy.  
God and mothers are partners in babies.  
God and a mother both love their baby.

## *The Acmar Community Quilt*

Elma Turner had family and friends in Acmar for many years. She was much loved by her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren before her death in 1982. You can learn a lot about a person after they're gone as you look at the things they had kept because they were important to them. Elma left behind a small plastic box containing old photographs with no names, but obviously, she had known their names and they were important to her. There were yellowed newspaper clippings that almost turned to dust when touched, and a letter her son had sent from Korea. And then there was a folded paper, something someone had given her and she had found it special enough to keep in her box, maybe it was from one of her children, because she was this kind of mother.

A Legend of a Mother

(Author Unknown)

The mother set her feet on the path of life. "Is this way long?" she asked, and her guide said, "Yes, and the way is hard, and you will be old before you reach the end of it- but the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy and she could not believe that anything would be better than these years. So she played with the children and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed with them in the clear streams, and the sun shone on them. Life was good, and the young mother exclaimed, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this!"

Then night came, and storms, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Oh Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near and we know no harm can come." And the mother thought, "This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage."















And the morning came and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed, and grew weary, and the mother was weary, but at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed and when they reached the top they said, "We could not have done it without you, Mother." And the mother, when she lay down that night, looked at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardship; yesterday, I gave them courage – today I have given them strength."

And with the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said, "Look up. Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the mother said, "This is the best day of all for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on and the weeks and the months and years, and the mother grew old, and she was little and bent, but her children were tall and strong and walked with courage. And when the way was hard, they helped their mother, and when the way was rough, they lifted her. And at last they came to a hill and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And the mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them." And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gate."

And they stood and watched her as she went on alone and the gates closed after her. And they said, "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A mother like ours is more than a memory- she is a living presence."

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website	Soul Miner on the Website in Gallery	Website <a href="http://www.acmarumc.org">www.acmarumc.org</a>	1 MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel  Skyelur Byrd	2  Cathy Payton	3	4
5  CHURCH 9 am	6  Ethan Wilson	7  Don Borg Millie Howard Prudence Howard	8  Church Supper 6 p	9  MOODY BINGO 10 a	10	11
12 CHURCH 9 a 	13	14	15  MCA 3-5 p White's Chapel	16  Kay Hammett	17  Maureen Raines	18  Jeff Reeves William Rowell
19  CHURCH 9 am	20  Nancy Miller-Borg	21	22	23	24	25
26  CHURCH 9 am	27 <i>Memorial Day</i> 	28	29	30	31  Nolan Carpenter	

Soul Food for May

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Moody Crossroads / Intersection Hwy. 411/Cty. Rd. 10  
Take County Rd. 10 W. (Park Ave.) toward Trussville;  
Travel 1 mile; Turn right on Acmar Rd.; travel 2 miles;  
Left onto Old Acton Rd., Church is on the left

Mon., April 29  
Tue., April 30  
Wed., May 1  
Thur., May 2  
Fri., May 3  
Sat., May 4

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17  
1 Corinthians 10:23 – 11:1  
Psalm 147:1-11

Mon., May 6  
Tue., May 7  
Wed., May 8  
Thur., May 9  
Fri., May 10  
Sat., May 11

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
John 17:6-19 / 1 John 5:9-13  
Luke 8:19-21  
Psalm 139:1-12  
2 Timothy 3:14-17



Food for the Soul

Mon., May 13  
Tue., May 14  
Wed., May 15  
Thur., May 16  
Fri., May 17  
Sat., May 18

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-35  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27; 16:4-15  
John 16:29-33  
Psalm 16:7-11

Mon., May 20  
Tue., May 21  
Wed., May 22  
Thur., May 23  
Fri., May 24  
Sat., May 25

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17  
Romans 12:9-15  
1 Peter 5:6-11

Mon., May 27  
Tue., May 28  
Wed., May 29  
Thur., May 30  
Fri., May 31  
Sat., June 1

1 Samuel 3:1-10  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23 – 3:6  
Psalm 107:1-9  
Romans 8:12-18