

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

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“Can a Woman Forget Her Child?”

Sermon Text: Isaiah 49:14-16

Sermon Outline:

1. The Feeling: God Has Forsaken Me (v. 14)
2. The Metaphor: A Woman and Her Infant Child (v. 15)
3. The Reality: Our Memory, God’s Memory, and the Cross (v. 15b-16)

Questions:

1. Isaiah is describing the future Babylonian exile in chapter 49. In exile, God’s people feel that He has forgotten them. Have you ever felt like God abandoned you? Or have you felt like God was just not paying much attention to your life and your prayers? Describe what this felt like.
2. How does God respond to his people’s complaint?
3. What stands out to you about the metaphor that Isaiah uses to describe God and His people?
4. What is the role of memory in the Christian life?
5. How does God literally fulfill the way he describes his relationship (and His memory) in verses 15-16 of the passage?