



# The Cause

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## “The Heart of a Leader: The Motherly Heart”

### Gabbing about Life (Icebreaker)

If you had one extra hour of free time a day, how would you use it?

### Reading from the Book of Life (the Bible)

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

### Grappling with Life’s Issues (Questions)

The healthy church functions like a functional family. The church is not a classroom with instructors, but a family with the responsibility to raise vibrant people, and this requires the congregation to utilize whatever talents, gifts or abilities needed for the moment. One of the key “heartbeats” of leadership is the motherly heart.

How many people have been raised in a church or community where you had “second mothers” who contributed to your development? In one way or another we all have. We’ve all had that person who always speaks the right words to us at the right moment, who knows exactly how to encourage us to the next level.

The motherly heart is critical to the health of any church. What are some qualities of a motherly heart? (Spend a few minutes discussing each quality and look for a passage to support it. Don’t rush through any of the points if the discussion is going well. Remember, this teaching is a tool to use to facilitate discussion; don’t let it restrict you.):

Qualities of a motherly heart:

- Gentleness
- Nurture
- Affection
- Sacrifice
- Unconditional love
- Desire for the best
- Encouragement
- Comfort (Healer of wounds/boo-boos)

Final Thought: There is a huge need for a motherly heart, one that encourages, comforts and urges others, especially after hurts. Women who are strong in the faith influence their children in incredible ways. John Wesley, the great English Reformer, credits his mom Susanna for much of his spiritual walk. You too can influence the next generation to increase their spiritual fervor.

### Praying through Life’s Challenges

Pray that God develops a motherly heart in you, while giving you opportunities to take others under your wings and assist them in the maturation.

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*“For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world...”*

*John 18:37 (NKJV)*

