

Can a Mother Forget?

My mother is a frail, elderly lady. Ever since she suffered a stroke a few years ago, mum has become completely dependent on my father for her basic needs. She can only say a few words in a barely audible voice, and she cannot walk at all.

Last week, when my father had to be admitted to hospital, I went "home" to sleepover and take care of my mother. Early next morning, when I woke up to leave for work, I noticed that she was trying to get out of bed. "Mum," I asked, "why don't you stay in bed a little longer? It's still very early."

She answered in a soft but determined voice. "To make you a cup of coffee."

I could not hold back the tears. She forgot all about her disability, but she did not fail to remember to care for me, her son, just as she did for many years before.

How I thank God for my mother's love, so pure and devoted. For me, she is a beautiful reflection of God's everlasting love for his children.

"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!" (Isaiah 49:15).

Can a mother forget? Because of human weakness, perhaps she can.

But God will not! He is unchangeable and forever faithful. In the uncertainties and upheavals of life, let us find our refuge and comfort in God the Father. He promises his children, "I will not forget you!"