

When Motherhood Feels Cursed

Genesis 3:16a



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My mom is a prosecutor and every year she brings up the fact that Mother's Day is the day with the lowest crime. I think that says a lot about how many moms commit crimes throughout the year, but can't today because they're too busy being celebrated.

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Fewer and fewer women today are choosing to become mothers...

(DINK = Double Income No Kids)

(DINKWAD = Double Income No Kids With Dog)

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Motherhood means sacrifice



"When the child is born, the mother begins to die - die for the new life dearer than her own, die in service for another, die in dreams of peaceful valleys she shall not enter, die upon battlefields whose shouts of victory she shall not hear."

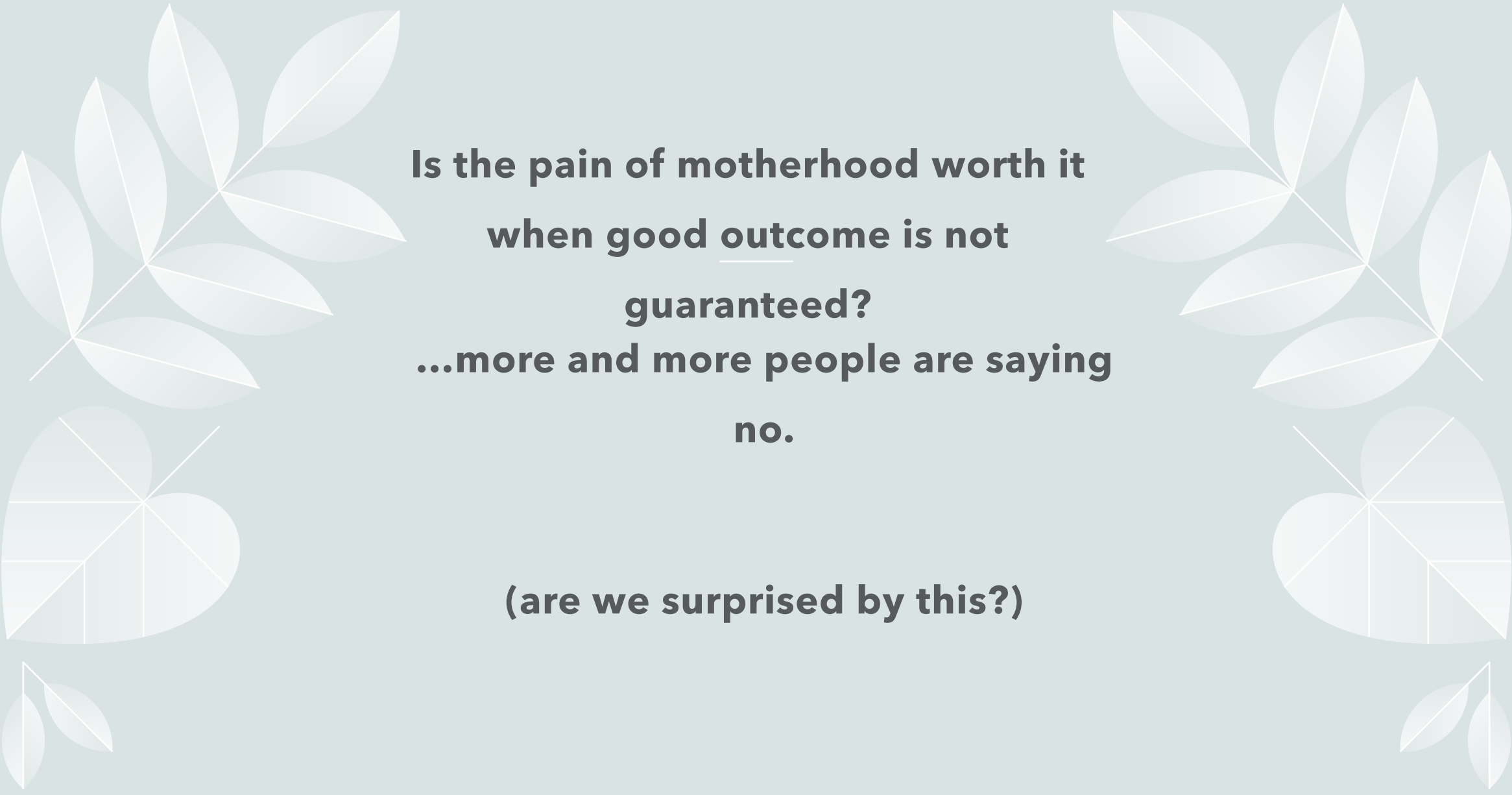
- John A. O'Brien



Motherhood means pain

**The greatest pain of motherhood is taking
upon pains not her own, permanently...**



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**Is the pain of motherhood worth it
when good outcome is not
guaranteed?
...more and more people are saying
no.**

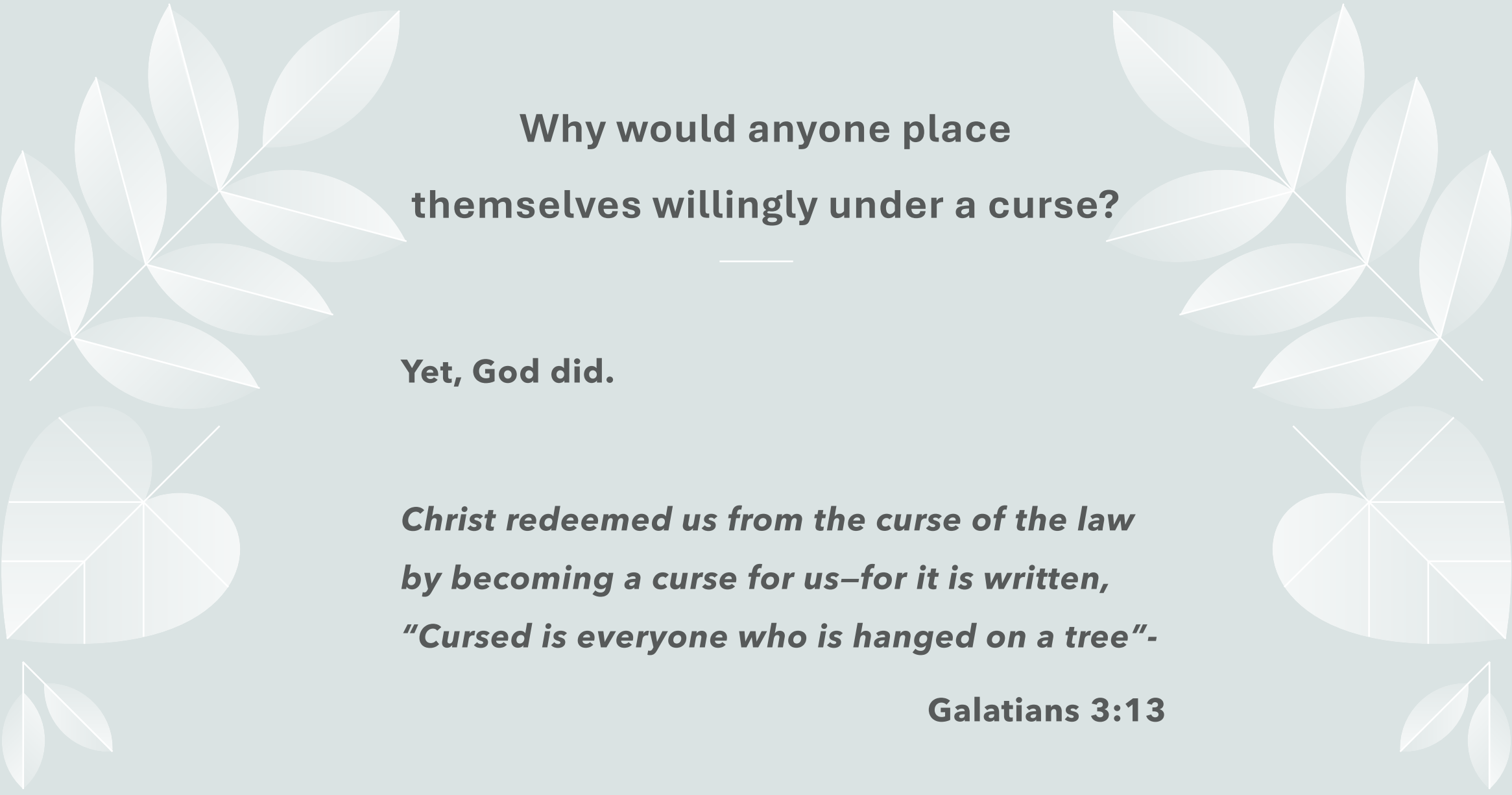
(are we surprised by this?)



Motherhood is under a curse.

To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing, in pain you shall bring forth children."...

Genesis 3:16a



**Why would anyone place
themselves willingly under a curse?**

Yet, God did.

***Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law
by becoming a curse for us—for it is written,
“Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”-***

Galatians 3:13



The convergence of Motherhood and the Gospel

Why endure the cursed pain to bring about life?

Because of a love that's already there





The love of God is “already there”

“You guided my conception and formed me in the womb. You clothed me with skin and flesh, and you knit my bones and sinews together. You gave me life and showed me your unfailing love. My life was preserved by your care.”

Job 10:12-12 (NLT)



The love of God is “already there”

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Psalm 139:13-14 (ESV)



The love of God is “already there”

***Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you; I
appointed you a prophet to the nations.***

Jeremiah 1:5 (ESV)



The love of God is “already there”

The love of a mother is “already there”






A Mother's love:

*“Before you were conceived, I wanted you.
Before you were born, I loved you. Before you
were an hour, I would die for you.”*

God' love:

*For God so loved the world that he gave his
one and only Son that whoever believes in
him shall not perish but have eternal life. –
John 3:16*



The love that's "already there",...
—
...overcoming the cursed pain
...to bring forth life,
...is a story told by motherhood
about the Gospel.