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Go Deep
The Spirituality of the Beatles
Let it Be
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Who is your favorite T.V. mom?

Carol Brady - Brady Bunch
 Marion Cunningham - Happy Days
 Marge Simpson - The Simpsons
 June Cleaver - Leave it to Beaver
 Jill Taylor - Home Improvement
 Peggy Bundy - Married With Children

Debra Barone - Everybody Loves Raymond
 Claire Dunphy - Modern Family
 Laura Petrie - The Dick Van Dyke Show
 Rainbow Johnson - Blackis
 Gloria Delgado-Pritchett - Modern Family

Paul McCartney had a vision of his mom, Mary (she had died when he was 14) during a stressful time (the band was falling apart). He wrote about the vision in "Let it Be" - "Mother Mother Mary comes to me speaking words of wisdom, Let it Be."

What adult in your home, gave you comfort in stressful times?

Many people connected Paul's reference to Mary, to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Paul was cool with that. What do you think of this observation by Father Rohr, a Franciscan Priest, about our need for Mary:

"Much of the human race can more easily imagine unconditional love coming from the feminine and the material more than from a man."

What do you think about God being both Mother and Father?

Good with that.
 Heck, no!!!!
 That's a little confusing. How can that be?

Read the following verses that describe the feminine side of God: **Genesis 1:2** (Spirit is in feminine form); **Deut. 32:18**; **Isaiah 49:15**; **Isaiah 66:10-13**; **Matthew 23:37**

What words are used to describe God?

Now look at **Genesis 17:1** and notice the name "God Almighty." Most scholars say the Hebrew word means "mountains" or "breasts." See also, **Genesis 28:3**; **Genesis 35:11**; **Genesis 49:25**.

What picture of God is being presented in these verses?

How does that picture of God give us comfort in stressful times?

Julian of Norwich (1342-1416) wrote, "Just as God is our Father, so God is also our Mother."

In what ways does God as Mother and Father help us in our relationship with God?

Notice the father's hands in Rembrandt's painting of "The Return of the Prodigal Son."

What differences do you see in the hands? What message do you hear and see in these differences?