

# The Mother of Us All

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## Which biblical mother would you nominate for “Mother of the Year”?

- Eve is mentioned by name only 4x in the Bible.
- Her story is told in only four chapters in the book of Genesis.

## Life-Giver

- Prior to their expulsion from Eden, Eve is referred to simply as the “woman.”
- In [Genesis 3:20](#) she is labeled “the mother of all living things” which is actually a “pre-naming” since she is yet to have any children.
- Is the pre-naming a promise from God and/or an act of faith by Adam?

## Motherhood

- Eve describes giving birth as having “brought forth” or “acquired” (NIV footnote) and refers to the newborn Cain as a “man” ([Genesis 4:1](#)).
- Statement reveals how Eve sees herself as a mother and her relationship with the Lord (see [Genesis 4:25](#)).

## Disobedience

- Like all but a handful of characters whose stories are recorded in the Bible, Eve is a mixture of good and bad.
- Effect and influence of the first couple’s disobedience to God continues to permeate through to this day.
- But the portrait of the “mother of all living” from Genesis 3 also points to the promise of redemption (see [Genesis 3:14-15](#); cf. [Galatians 4:4-5](#)).

## Calling on the Name of the Lord

- Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord.” ([Genesis 4:26](#)).
- Like Eve, generations of women have used motherhood as a platform to tell of the good things God has done.

## Eve Opus

- Eve reminds us that of the importance of mothers who pass the baton of faith and how it is important for all of us to do the same.

**Closing Music:** *God of Our Mothers and Fathers* (Vineyard Worship); [Story behind the song](#).