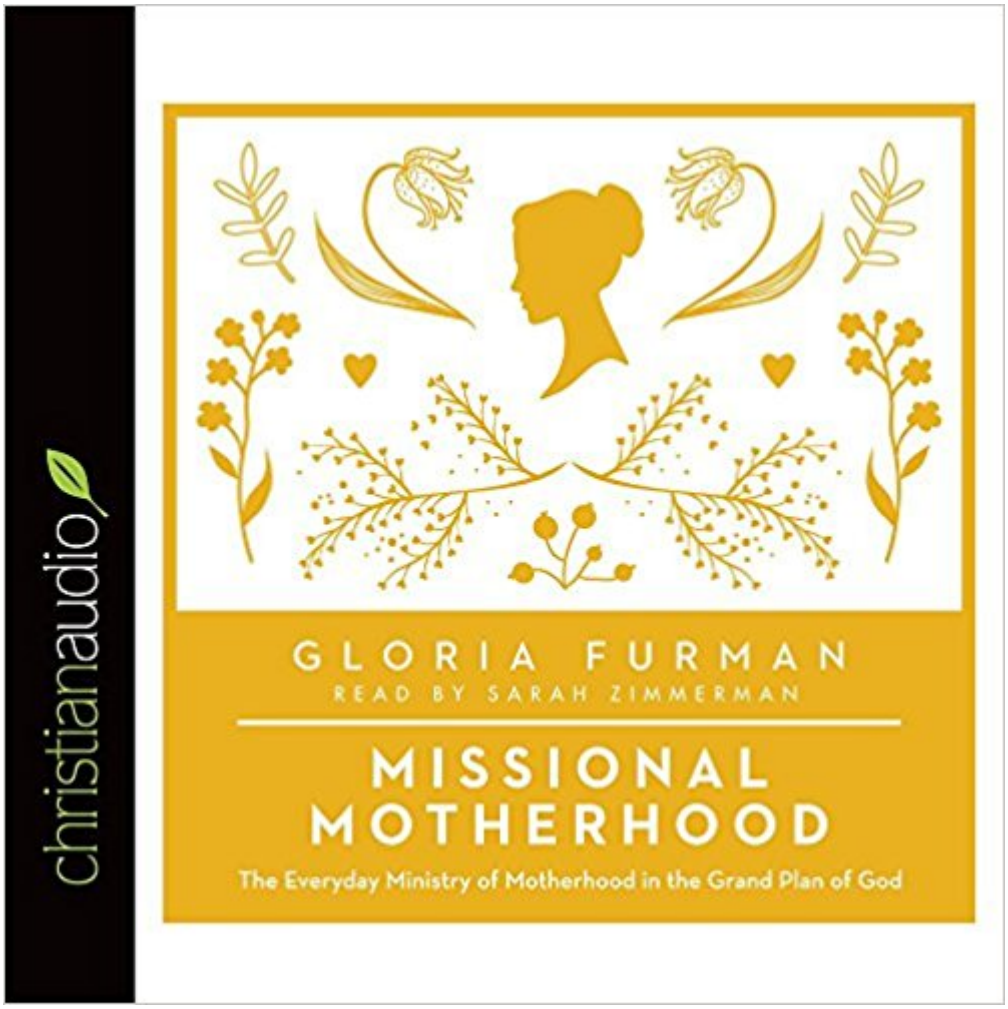
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"Sumptuously written and accessibly presented, Gloria Furman's Missional Motherhood brings the riches of the gospel and the glory of Christ to bear on every mother's work. Her book was like a firm hand of a wise and loving friend, bringing both conviction of sin and a fresh bounty of grace. This book is rich, deep, funny, startling, edifying, encouraging, and God-honoring. It is a book for all womenÃ¢â ¬â •not just mothers by adoption or childbearing. It shows how being born male and female as image bearers of a holy God matter in all areas of life. In a world awash with gender-neutral language, gender-neutral bathrooms, and and gender-neutral roles, this book is our generation's clarion call that mothering is humble and high women's work, and it matters to God and to the world."Ã¢â ¬â •Rosaria Butterfield,Ã Â former professor of English, Syracuse University;Ã Â author, The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely ConvertÃ¢â ¬Å“GloriaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s words, challenges, and high view of mothering were what my heart knew to be true in the years of my own

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all the women in my life!Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Jamie Ivey, host, The Happy Hour with Jamie Ivey podcast, JamieIvey.comÃ¢â ¬Å“Believing that our biblical theology as moms directs the way we view the mission of motherhood, Gloria takes us through a journey in both marveling at the greatness of GodÃ¢â ¬â„¢s plan for redemption and embracing the opportunity to make an eternal impact from the everyday context of mothering. Missional Motherhood leads weary moms back to the gospel and reminds us that we are investing our lives in what is eternal.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Ruth Chou Simons, mother of six boys; artist, writer; owner, Gracelaced.comÃ¢â ¬Å“Gloria Furman does an incredible job of helping mothers rediscover the pattern, promises, and power of Jesus in the midst of everyday life. This book will galvanize you to see and treasure Jesus as the aim and fuel of your everyday mission as you make disciples. So, moms: pour over this book to get a renewed vision for the radically significant mission youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve been called to. Sons and daughters: read this book to catch a glimpse of the soul-stirring vision of Jesus your mother sacrifices to live out in front of you. Fathers and husbands: read this book to see the all-encompassing mission of God that your wife is living out right now.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Michael "Stew" Stewart , Founding Director, Verge Network and Conferences

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Two, small children know me as "mama". That said, I don’t have an abundance of time to sit down, which leads me to be snobbishly choosey in my selection of reading material. Over the past 4 months I’ve read about 20 books (over half of which are Christian lit, almost all of which have been good), but "Missional Motherhood" was (by far) the most impactful and enjoyable read. The book is intended to reach women in all seasons of life -- not just biological or adoptive mamas because, "... every Christian woman is called to make disciples of all nations."I read snippets aloud to my husband, stifled laughs (so as not to wake my sleeping babe), and suffered from hand cramps because I underlined on every single page. THIS was my FAVORITE part of all:"Do we, with glad hearts, glorify God for designing this cruciform pattern for our work in nurturing others? I mean, it’s wonderful that Jesus, "for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross" (Heb. 12:2), but me? How can I gladly lay down my comfortable schedule in order to serve someone? How can I gladly

lay down my body to carry someone else inside it for nine months? How can I gladly lay down my fears and insecurities, pick up a Bible, and disciple some women? How can I gladly lay down my coffee to do anything? The answer to those how questions is found in the cross. We follow Christ, who laid down his life in order to nurture our lives. Serving others from a position of personal weakness is embarrassing for us prideful people. We like to be seen as sufficient. We enjoy admiring glances. We brush off compliments of, "Wow. How do you do it?" but we relish those words and pay them back in our minds. Distinctly Christian mothering is done from a posture of weakness and dependence. We nurture life in the face of death by grace through faith in Jesus" (p. 127).I recommend ordering a hard copy (not kindle) and to invest in a new highlighter, because you'll probably run out of ink. As you read, know that the two parts of the book build on one another. Part I is a beautiful unfolding of the "tapestry of the Gospel" that will require your undivided attention. Your study will be enriched if you have your Bible in hand and read the text alongside the book. Unlike many current, Christian lit authors, Furman handles Scripture with care and incorporates it fluidly. I greatly appreciated the intentionality with which she highlighted the thread of the Gospel throughout the entirety of the book. After establishing a solid foundation of God's promises to us as believers in the Old Testament, Part II offers practical applications regarding what it looks like for God to keep His promises through the person of His Son, Jesus.As a mom of young kiddos, chatting over coffee or going to Christian conferences or isn't a frequent occurrence. "Missional Motherhood" set my heart ablaze like I'm across the table from a kindred-hearted friend discussing the impact of the Gospel on our lives. It made me feel like I was in a room full of people singing praises to Jesus at the top of our lungs. It's impacted my perspective as I'm doing the glorious, everyday tasks of motherhood, like pushing my daughter in the swing at the park. I just finished reading and I'm scheming how and when I can squeeze like-minded ladies into my tiny living room so we can pour over the book together. I hope you'll buy it, read it, and be just as encouraged as me!

The title of the book is woefully deceiving. I anticipated a tactical read on how to disciple my children. Instead, I found the book to be a broad-stroke survey of the Old Testament, with Messianic notations sprinkled throughout. I understand Mrs. Furman's intention, but the conclusion could have been a solid article, rather than the capstone of an entire book. I did not find the book enormously helpful, and certainly not innovative in its thinking. Aside from its general content, I found the writing style to be boring and slow, though admittedly this is an area of personal preference.

Gloria Furman is extremely wise and insightful and shares her God given gifts to encourage and point mother’s to Him. (Mother meaning biological, adoptive, or spiritual!) This book is great for any woman in any mothering capacity- chasing toddlers, raising teenagers, or even if you have no children at home but you mother/disciple other children or women in your life! I gave it a four because it was a little tough to follow at times, but overall there is a lot of good stuff and things to reflect on and learn. The book isn’t what I originally expected, but it surpassed my expectations in a good way, and I was challenged and encouraged by this book!A few friends and I took her advice at the beginning of the book and discussed it over some scones. This book could stand alone but is so great with supplemental discussion amongst friends.

This is a beautifully written book and is packed with truth! However, I do agree with other reviewers that the title of the book, and perhaps even the cover artwork don’t exactly match the content. I think I was expecting a book about being in the beautiful and messy trenches of motherhood rather than a theological overview of the old testament. While at times it has been a bit dry, I think if I had known what to expect going into it I would have appreciated it a lot more in the moment. It does a great job of reminding us of our faithful and powerful Creator. Overall, this book may not be what you thought you wanted, but it could be just what you needed.P.S. If you’re looking for Christ-filled Mama encouragement that is an easier read and less heavy on the theology, check out the book "Mom Enough."

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