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2. In the Gospel we see all four of these as well. Take some time to discuss your situation before faith in Christ and your situation after faith in Christ. What reversals did God work for you personally?
3. What do you learn about God from the truth that it is through a child that he would work these reversals?
4. Of the four titles in verse 6 which stood out to you and why? How do these attributes of God encourage you personally?
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