



The first year of life for your new baby is an exciting time full of milestones, and you don't want to forget a single moment.

*Watching in Wonder: Growing in Faith During Your Baby's First Year* (Thomas Nelson Gift, hardcover, March 14, 2023) by Catherine Claire Larson is a weekly devotional journal that will inspire you to record stories and prayers for your newborn as you create a memory book that you (and they) will treasure for years to come.

"I hope women will walk away from *Watching in Wonder* with a deeper understanding of who God is and how He meets and cares for them in these days of early motherhood," said Catherine. "A recurring theme in the book is that motherhood is a high and holy calling and that women are nurturing a human soul of inestimable importance."

Embrace the exhilarating, exhausting, and joy-filled first year of motherhood in the pages of *Watching in Wonder* as you marvel anew at His goodness and the miracle of life that is growing day by day before your eyes.

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Catherine is available for interviews and can discuss:

- Nurturing one's spiritual life in the exhausting and stretching early years of motherhood
- Preparing your newborns and young children for a future walk with God
- Why the practice of journaling is so significant for new mothers



After graduating with a Master's degree in Biblical Studies, **Catherine Claire Larson** spent seven years writing with Chuck Colson for BreakPoint radio, *Christianity Today*, and *Newsweek* online. Today, she writes amidst the clatter and curiosity of six young children. She is also the author of *Waiting in Wonder: Growing in Faith While You're Expecting*.

Learn more at [CatherineClaireLarson.com](http://CatherineClaireLarson.com) and across social media @CatherineClaireLarson.



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## Suggested interview topics

- What God may want to teach us as moms through our exhaustion and inadequacies
- Witnessing the wonders of God's greatness in pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood
- Balancing the cultural view of motherhood and the Biblical view of motherhood
- Spiritually caring for newborns and young children by caring for ourselves
- The powerful legacy of writing our prayers for our children

## Suggested interview questions

- Can you tell us how your own experience journaling love notes and prayers for your son led you to write *Waiting in Wonder* and *Watching in Wonder*?
- Motherhood is exhausting, especially early motherhood. What truths in the Bible really speak to moms in these days when moms are stretched so thin?
- How do you think our culture views motherhood and how do you think the Bible sees it differently?
- How do you think we can know God more deeply through our kids?
- Why do you think writing prayers down for our children can be so beneficial for them — and for us?
- How do you think the habits we form in the early days of parenting affect us later on? What good habits do you encourage moms to develop?
- Why do you think it's so important to study the attributes or character of God? Why is this important for moms?
- The days are long and the years are short. What truths does God have for us in both of these realities moms face?
- How was the experience of writing *Watching in Wonder* different from writing *Waiting in Wonder*?
- You are raising six sons! What kind of advice and encouragement do you have for new moms? For "boy moms" specifically?



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## Catherine Claire Larson *in her own words*

I'm Catherine, lover of dappled light, and Blue Ridge hues, of closing my days nestled in my husband's prayers, and of mornings which bud with baby coos and the voices of my sweet boys calling for mama (that name I wondered if I'd ever get to wear). I'm a collector of words, a cataloger of wonders, and a curator of grace stories.

Once upon a time (how can a few years ago seem like a lifetime?) I worked full-time writing, but these days you can find me vrooming toy cars across the red rug, slathering peanut butter and jelly on wheat, and carrying baby boy close to my heart.

Once bedtime prayers are aloft, I cozy up with my laptop and labor in love to exalt the One who is the most important part of my life.

Because if I could tell you only one thing about me I'd want you to know how passionately I seek to love a nail-scarred and risen Savior.

It's this love that leads me here, hoping for you, expecting you.

Because here's the thing; you matter. You matter so much more than you know. His eyes light up at the thought of you. And He loves you enough that He will not leave you where you are. And no matter where you are, He beckons.

We live expectantly. Expecting grace, expecting mercy, and yes, expecting trials, pain, and suffering. But we also expect that evil will not have the final say, but that love will prevail, transforming even the bitterest moments into sweetest grace. We live expecting His presence, one day His appearing, and ultimately His absolute reign.

### *I believe:*

- Motherhood is a sacred, holy calling.
- The best thing you can do for your child's future walk with God is invest in your own.
- Our children can be windows for us to the wonder of God.
- Writing down our prayers for our children can shape us as mothers and testify to our children one day of the love we have for them and the faith we have in God.
- Our God is a God of rest.



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