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bodies. Perhaps, in the Church we're tempted to worship bigger "successful" churches rather than see God at work in our more fragile
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- % Does calling God "father" mean we think that God is , "6$V%
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then we're thinking that male is God. It might be useful to gently
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we're used to.%
- % If we don't think God is male why is there so much male language
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