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Seeing motherhood as the raison d'etre of her existence, Christine Dodson is overjoyed when, after being slow to conceive, she finds herself pregnant with her first child. As evidence emerges in subsequent years that she may be infertile, she take...

For many, IVF is viewed as the only way to have a child. Whether the procedure is "worth it" is unquestionable compared to the longing for a baby of one's own. Yet the accounts of women who undergo IVF are painful to read. Longing, worry, anxiety, depression, and pain are the dominant emotions in their stories.

Longing for Motherhood. That number doesn't begin to encompass the couples who have lost children or miscarried, or the single women who desire to be mothers. Childlessness is often one of the loneliest struggles a woman can walk through. It is not a visible pain. No one knows that you can't have children, or are struggling, unless you tell them.

I had my own treacherous fertility path to struggle with, and had required multiple IVF treatments to conceive," she confided. "But now I am a proud mother to a pair of twins." Like most women, she dreamt of having her own family—first by being a wife, and then a mother.

January 23, 2018 11:58pm (UTC) Motherhood is "the state or experience of having and raising a child." The very definition implies accompaniment. But motherhood can be a lonely-making experience, whether it's because of postpartum depression, the pressures of guarding a human life, or the quest to get pregnant in the first place.

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