

# Blessed in Longing

LIFE WEEK  
2023



**1** After a stillbirth, fathers tend to experience financial difficulties, financial debt, suppressed grief, and increased substance use while mothers often report an altered body image and lower quality of life.

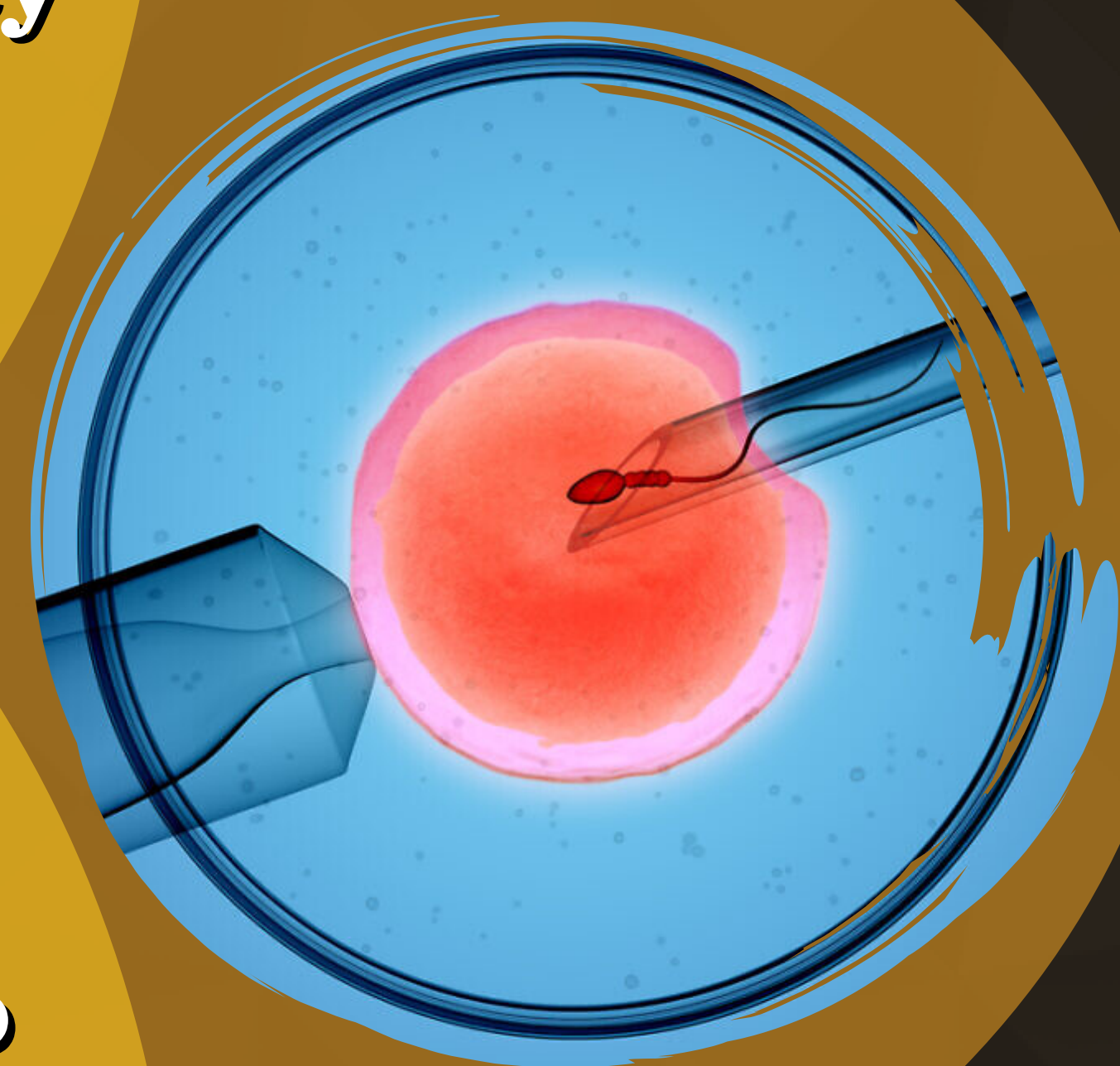
**2** Infertility is more common among women who are non-Hispanic Black and have lower income or education, who lack access to healthcare, or who have had sexually transmitted infections.



**Miscarriage & Stillbirth**

**Infertility**

**LIFE ISSUES**



**Surrogacy**

**In-vitro fertilization**

**4** Surrogacy disrupts the natural links between marriage, conception, gestation, birth, and rearing the child, which is often related to the child experiencing an identity crisis during development called genealogical bewilderment.

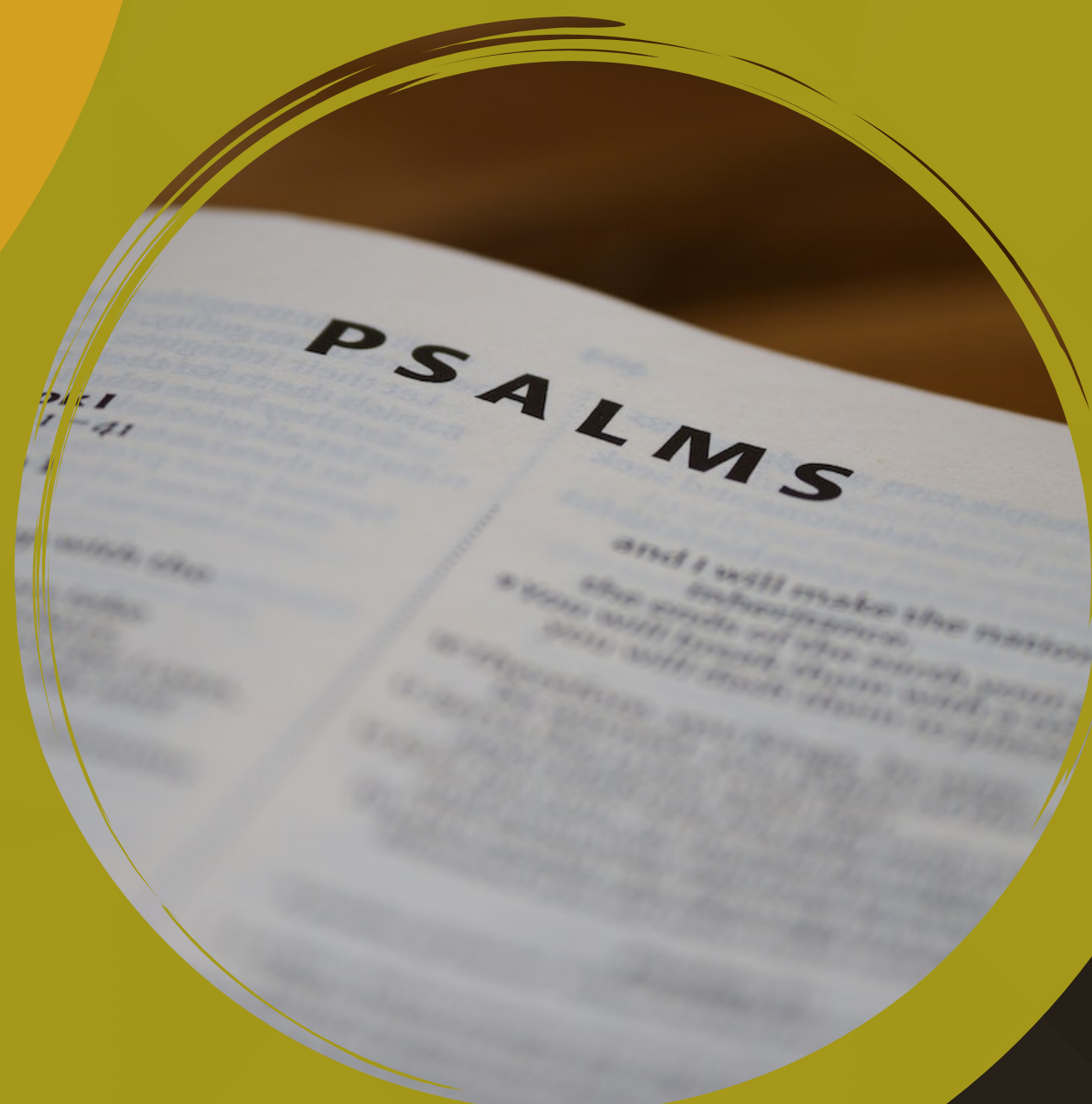
**3** Women who conceived after IVF were at more than four times greater risk of stillbirth (16.2 per thousand) compared to fertile women (3.7 per thousand).



# HIS WORD

**Psalm  
25:5**

"Lead me in your truth and  
teach me, for you are the  
God of my salvation: for  
you I wait all the day long."



**2**

Wait for the Lord, who  
shall renew the strength  
of the longing.



**2**

## OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

**1**

**3**

**1**

Sing and cry  
aloud to the  
Lord, who will  
hear and comfort  
the grieving.



**3**

Trust in the Lord,  
who will lead the  
lost and doubting  
according to the  
truth of His Word.

