

WHY ME?



discovering your **place** in God's plan

KNOWN AND LOVED.

Have you ever hit it off with someone just to find out a few weeks later that they are endlessly irritating? Perhaps you had one impression of an acquaintance, only to find out they aren't that person at all. Maybe you had a friend who cut ties after an ugly argument.

"Love" is very easy to come by when we keep people at a distance. But to be truly, unconditionally *loved* is to be truly, deeply *known*. Hopefully there are people in your life who know you well - but God still knows you better.

God knows you intimately. He created you specifically. He knows how you're wired, what makes you tick, what brings you joy. He sees your mess and knows your struggles and reads your very worst thoughts. And He loves you still.

He loves you wildly and sacrificially and unconditionally still.

IN THE BIBLE.

Psalm 139:1-6

You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.

2 You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

3 You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

4 Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

5 You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

Psalm 139:13-16

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

QUESTIONS.

- 1.) How does it feel to know you're known completely by God?
- 2.) What do you think "to be truly loved is to be truly known" mean?
- 3.) How can you begin to be more vulnerable with trusted people?
What can that vulnerability bring to your life?

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?