



## **DID YOU KNOW THAT GOD HAS ALWAYS WALKED WITH YOU?**

The Bible tells us a whole lot about God's presence with us. David wrote Psalm 139 *as he realized* these things for himself.

Psalm 139:13 says "*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*" This verse tells you **when** God started being with you – when He nudged in beside you. There are two things He did at that beginning moment of your life. He created your inmost being and then He knit you together in your mother's womb.

**Have you ever heard anyone say that  
we have a God-shaped hole  
in our hearts?**

That's your inmost being – created by God...the part not given to you by human parents, but by God Himself...your soul, meant to be occupied by Him alone. But there has come a time in your life when you began to make choices of right and wrong and you chose the wrong. That was sin. God is a Holy God and cannot live where sin is. Neither can sin live where He is. If a person attempts to go through life without ever inviting God into that place He created for Himself, they feel an emptiness that they try very hard to fill up with other things.

There is some really good news I want you to know. God has never taken His eyes off of you for a split second. He has been working in your life to get your attention, to draw you to Himself with unfailing love, and waiting patiently for you to place your life in His hands and through faith in Jesus, give Him access to His rightful place in your life...that place He created for Himself.

Psalm 139:15 says, "*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, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*"

Can you grasp the reality of your tiny frame under the watchful eyes of God on your unformed body? Have you ever wondered how it is possible that no two human beings are ever completely alike? Art critics can pick out an artist's work without ever having seen the piece before because the artist has a particular way they create art. They have left their stamp on it, unseen to everyone else. This is so true with God – He has created you in His own image...completely unique and special, yet reflecting your Creator.

If God has paid so much attention to the way you were formed and made in His image, would you think that He would leave the rest of your life up to chance? He didn't! The end of the verse says, "...*All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*" Ordain means to fashion or plan. God has planned out and fashioned the very best life you could live, in the place you should live it, the generation you should live in. This begs the questions: Have I always cooperated with God's plan? Does *best life* mean life without struggle? Obviously, no one has lived every day according to God's plan and your best life is not synonymous with ease or will it be pain free.

What we know about walking with God is that He is able to take all our mistakes, even our rebellion against God, and refashion our lives to again fit His plan. The first step in getting there is found in **Romans 10:9** "*That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved*" and verse 13 "*for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*" If you placed your faith in Jesus as your Savior and Lord, God is at home in your heart and will never leave you. He will lead you through every twist and turn, every land mine and mountain you have to climb. Nothing will come into your life that has not first passed through His loving fingers and He will teach you to walk in ***His STRIDE.***