

4 RESPONSES TO THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

For the week of January 10, 2021

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Psalm 139:1-18

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me! **2** You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. **3** You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. **4** Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. **5** You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. **6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. **7** Where shall I go from your Spirit or where shall I flee from your presence? **8** If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! **9** If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, **10** even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. **11** If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," **12** even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you. **13** For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. **14** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. **15** My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. **16** Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. **17** How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! **18** If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

MESSAGE POINTS:

1. Be Confident: God Knows You! (1-6)
2. Be Ready: God Pursues You! (7-12)
3. Be Grateful: God Made You! (13-16a)
4. Be Mindful: God has Plans for You (16b-18)

GOAL:

To understand how valuable life is to God and should be to us.

GET GOING:

- Psalm 139 is very personal to David and to us. Take a moment to meditate on the words and ask God to move in your heart as you study this incredible Psalm.
- Look at verse 1. How does your perspective change reading that God searches and knows you in that type of way?
- Look at verses 7-8. How has God relentlessly pursued you?
- When have you tried to run from God? How did that turn out? *The topic of abortion is one that elicits many different responses in each of us. Please be gracious towards one another in your discussion of this topic.
- How do verses 13-14 support the idea that life begins at conception?
- How can you be a person who defends the sanctity of life but also loves those who disagree with your position?
- In what ways can you be a part of the solution when it comes to the sanctity of life outside the womb? (i.e. issues of race, marginalization, trafficking, pornography)

KEEP GROWING:

- Turn to Romans 8:31-39.
- How does this support what we studied in Psalm 139?
- Where do you see God's love and relentless pursuit of us on display in this passage?
- When you read verse 35, what impacts you?
- Look at verse 37. Where have you seen God make you 'more than a conqueror?'
- Where do you see the Gospel in this passage?

GET GROUNDED:

- Was this a hard discussion for you today? Why or why not?
- Is there any area of your life where you are taking advantage of the marginalized?
- What impacted you personally from either the message or study today?
- Take a minute to discuss how you can hold one another accountable and encourage each other throughout the week. Where do you need to turn away from evil?

MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 8:38-39 "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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