Coronavirus Social Distancing Daily Devotion #43

Fashioned by God

***Psalm 139:13 (NASB) “****For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.”*

There are so many wounded, hurting people. My heart breaks as I watch the world strive for anything and everything to be someone. To feel like they have value. To be important to someone and know someone cares about them. Even now, during this time of crisis, there are many, many lonely people. People who are stuck at home by themselves or the elderly who are in assisted-living facilities who are quarantined to their rooms with very little interaction with others. It is easy to forget the great love our Father has for us in times of isolation.

And it doesn’t have to be people in isolation. There are many people who live life everyday at their jobs and in their neighborhoods seemingly fine and giving all the outward appearances of a normal life. But in their hearts they are the loneliest of people.

But God didn’t want that and doesn’t want that for anyone. His purpose for rescuing us from Satan’s clutches was to prove to us that we have infinite value to Him. The Psalmist gives a beautiful picture of God and His love for us. Listen as he shares the truth of God. ***Psalm 139:1-12 (NASB)*** *1 “O LORD, You have searched me and known me. 2  You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. 3  You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways. 4  Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all. 5  You have enclosed me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. 6  Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it. 7  Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8  If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. 9  If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, 10  Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me. 11  If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will be night," 12  Even the darkness is not dark to You, And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You.”*

These are precious words from our God and Father who knows the most intimate parts of our hearts and minds. When we don’t understand our hearts, He does. When we don’t know the best path to choose, He does. When we are uncertain of our future, He knows. When we don’t understand our feelings about any subject or person, He does.

As the Psalmist says, God is intimately acquainted with all our ways. ( Ps 139:3) The word “intimately” means, to be of use or benefit, like a nurse or someone who works to bring out the things that are inside of us so healing can occur. Meaning, the Lord knows the deepest parts of us, better than we know ourselves. We never need to think that there is no one who is concerned about our lot in life. Satan’s purpose is to destroy us. He knows there is no better way to do so than to get us to believe that no one cares for us and no one understands us. If he can do that, he has a stronger foothold on us. He can more easily manipulate us. And by being alone, away from people and what has been normal, we more easily buy in to that lie.

The truth is, there is never a time to think that God is not with you. He formed you. He is your maker. He knows what makes you tick. He knows what you like and don’t like. He knows what frustrates you and what makes you joyful. You might say, “That’s great, but I need someone to talk to that I can hear”. Remember, God knows you well. So, to feel the need for someone to talk to is also in God’s understanding about you. If there is no one whom you can verbally talk to right now, remember God knows that. He will provide your needs (Phil 4:19). That means He will also provide a voice for you to communicate with when you need it. God made you. He knows what you need. Trust Him.

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