

**“Why Human Life Matters to God”
Psalm 139**

Big Idea – God created life and values it highly.

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

John 1:1, 2 “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. All things were made by Him and nothing was made without Him.”

1. God knows you and loves you. Psalm 139:1 – 6

Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:9, 10;

Psalm 139:1 O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.

2 You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I’m far away.

3 You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.

4 You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD.

5 You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!

2. God pursues you and wants you. vss. 7 – 12

Psalm 139:7 I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!

8 If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there.

9 If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans,

10 even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.

11 I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—

12 but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you.

Psalm 27:10 “When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.”

Psalm 8:3 asks an interesting question: *“what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?”*

What is man? According to evolution, man is the end product of a chance collision of molecules. Mankind came into existence purely because of a mindless and unplanned accident of nature.

Someone has referred to this kind of thinking as being

“From Goo To You by Way of the Zoo” or to put it another way,

“Some people believe that they came from monkeys, so they live like hogs, and die like dogs!”

According to this kind of thinking you and I are not that much different than birds in the sky or fish in the sea, or the slug in the mud, or an amoeba in the waters. We’re all pretty much the result of the same purposeless interaction of atoms. So we really have no intrinsic value. No value to really speak of that sets us apart from the rest of the world.

And there may be times we might agree with that evaluation. There are times we don’t think we’re worth very much. Times we think that we’ve messed up so badly that no one could want us around. Times when we wonder if anybody would even miss us if we were gone. Sometimes we may even wonder if it matters that we even exist.

But the Bible doesn’t agree with that. The Bible teaches that you that you are NOT an accident YOU were planned. YOU have purpose And YOU have value all because God says YOU do.

3. God made you uniquely as one of a kind. vss. 13 – 16

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

God created us in His own image. We are a part of God and God creates every child that is conceived in His image. Even while that baby is in the womb, he or she is in God’s image. What gives us the authority to destroy innocent life?

*Psalms 139:13 You made my whole being; you formed me in my mother’s body.
14 I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way. What you have done is wonderful. I know this very well.*

15 *You saw my bones being formed as I took shape in my mother's body. When I was put together there,*
16 *you saw my body as it was formed...*

Isa 44:2 This is what the LORD says-- he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant.

I believe you only have two Biblical options when it comes to what the world calls a "unplanned pregnancy"... The reality is there is no unplanned pregnancy... any time you have sex there is a possibility of getting pregnant. The first option is to keep the child and so choose that option. But there is another option... it is called adoption. It is so biblical that if we belong to Christ we are all adopted.

Eph. 1:5 says, "He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.

Listen to this true story that occurred back in the early 60's when Abortion was not a legal option. She was a young High School student. She met a boy that was everything that she dreamed of. She allowed him to have his way with her and she became pregnant. He told her that he had no desire to marry her and was going to college. She wanted to keep the baby but her family had different Ideas. They told her that she was too young and it would be too difficult.

Her uncle had found a place that cared for unwed mothers and agreed to take her there and take care of her while she was there. The baby would then be placed up for adoption and she could return to school and finish her high school education.

It was a different time, unlike today where the girl remains in school and around her friends and it is accepted and even somewhat expected to have pregnant girls in High School... It just didn't occur that much back then and if it did the girls were usually taken to far away places for unwed mothers or moved to family members that were far away.

She ended up having a little girl and the girl was placed up for adoption. A few years later she met a man while she was working in a factory. He told her that he loved her and she moved in with him and became pregnant. The man found out that she was pregnant and kicked her out and moved a different girlfriend in.

She didn't know where to turn so she went back to her Uncle that helped her the first time. This time he suggested that she get an abortion. When she refused, He told her that he was not going to help her this time and she was on her own. She had nowhere to turn so she moved into an old friends house but quickly got thrown out of there also.

Pregnant and nowhere to turn she moved into the Salvation Army shelter where she lived until the birth of the child. She planned on raising this child on her own but the state had different ideas. After she was admitted to the hospital the case worker for the state came along and told her that she would have to sign papers to have the child put

up for adoption. She didn't want to but what hope did she have? She had no money, No place to Live, No way to get the food that her and the child needed so she signed the papers.

The child was born, this time a baby boy which she named Tommy. Two days later little Tommy was taken away and placed into foster care. The mother didn't believe in God and thought the church was only a group of hypocrites. After all where were they when she needed help? Oh, they talk a good game... They love to condemn... But where were they when she needed them?

The little boy was placed into a loving home that loved the Lord. The child was raised in church. Life was not perfect for the little boy, there were hardships that came his way. But he was given the gift of life and the gift of a mother and father that loved him and instilled Christian values in him.

He graduated High School and served 4 years in defending this country in the military. After he got out he went to college and graduated. He got married and has children of his own.

Today Little Tommy stands before a church as it's pastor. It's not just a story about a women choosing life to him... Because he was given that gift, a chance to become whatever God had planned for his Life. God has given him the opportunity to share the gospel with hundreds and lead over 75 people to the Lord in one year. What if his mother would have chosen to abort him?

What the world calls "unplanned pregnancy", God calls miracles. God has a plan for each one of us. Each and every child that is conceived God has a purpose and a plan for them. Some children never get the chance because we play God and choose to abort... Choose Life so that some may Live...

I believe that the moral standard for this country circle around how we feel about the unborn. God chose Life and said that it was Good... We should choose the same.

look at what God told Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

4. God has plans and purposes just for you. vss. 16b, 17, 18

Psalm 139:16b All the days planned for me were written in your book before I was one day old.

17 God, your thoughts are precious to me. They are so many!

18 If I could count them, they would be more than all the grains of sand. When I wake up, I am still with you.

For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

So you may be sitting there asking yourself, what difference can I make anyway about abortion and life and saving life? Even helping folks get eternal life? I'm just one person.

Let me tell you a story.

A young fellow was walking along the seashore and as he walked he paused every few steps, stooped down, and seemed to be throwing something into the sea.

Another person's curiosity was aroused, so he went up to him to and saw the reason that he would stop every step or two was to pick up a starfish and fling it into the ocean. It was only then that the person noticed the thousands of starfish that littered the beach for miles, stranded there by the tide.

"Why are you doing this?" he gasped. "You can't save all of these starfish! It's useless! What does it matter?"

The little boy paused for a moment, looking down at the crusty starfish he'd just picked up. He turned it over slowly, then answered.

"It matters to this one," he said, as with a slow deliberate motion he tossed it back into the sea, into life.

Much in the same manner as the little boy in this story, we can make a difference by getting involved.

Despite what you may think, you can make a difference because you were created by God with a purpose to bring glory and honor to Him.