

# Wonderfully Made

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***I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made... (Psalm 139:14)***

When I realized I'd be writing the devotion for the July 26<sup>th</sup> newsletter, I knew immediately which verse I would choose because today is my birthday. I always remind my boys on their birthdays that they are "fearfully and wonderfully made" so Psalm 139:14 was a natural choice.

I am so glad that God put verses like this in Scripture. We all need to be reminded that we were created on purpose. We need to be reminded that we are not mistakes or accidents – no matter what people have said to us. We were planned by the Creator of the universe. Everything about you was planned before the world was created. God knew your name. He knew the color of your eyes. He knew whether your hair would be straight or curly and at what age it would start to fall out or turn gray. He knew what your favorite food would be and what would make you cry. He knew whether you would love sports, art or music. He knew what you would be good at and what you would struggle with. He knew the names of your spouse, all of your kids, and your grandkids. He knew where you would work and where you would live. He knew every detail of you before you ever came to be.

He also knew every sin you would commit - every single one. He knew when you would turn away and worship idols. He knew when you would chase the world instead of Him. He knew every time He would be rejected, ignored and lied to. He knew it all.

And He made you anyway.

Let me ask you - if you knew in advance that your children would completely reject you, curse you and hate you...would you still have children? How about your spouse - if you knew your spouse would have affairs on a regular basis....would you still get married?

God KNEW we would have other gods. He KNEW we would reject Him and turn away from Him. He KNEW we would be an adulterous people. He knew and yet...

"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

God loves us more than we will ever comprehend. He willingly came to earth, lived a sinless life and died a horrific death so you could know Him. You didn't deserve it. You can't earn it. You just need to believe it. He wants nothing more than to have a relationship with you. Yes - He knew there would be times you would turn away from Him and yet He has been pursuing you since the day you took your first breath. He was loving you and waiting for you even before you had a heartbeat.

You are fearfully and wonderfully made, my friend. You were created on purpose and for a purpose: to know God, to love God, to walk with God, and to worship God. He has been thinking about you and planning for you since before the world began. I hope and pray that you already have a relationship with God and that it will only grow deeper as you reflect on how much He loves you.

But if you do not yet know God, then I am praying that you will turn to Him and you will receive the love He's had for you since the beginning. You are His masterpiece and He is waiting for you...

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