

Fully Known November WM Program

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Song ~ He Knows My Name Paul Baloche Lyrics

*I have a maker He formed my heart,
Before even time began My life was in His hands.*

*He knows my name, He knows my every thought,
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.*

*I have a Father; He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me no matter where I go.*

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Devotional ~ Psalm 139:13-14

This portion of scripture is a favorite of mine. It came into my life at a very important time as a corps officer in a very challenging corps. I often felt like I didn't fit into this place or the appointment. I asked God what He was doing and why He put me in a place where I was the odd one out. Many things happened in this corps that I could write a book about. It was a place that I learned the power of God and His will for my life. It didn't happen overnight. It took quite some time, but God is faithful, even when I am not.

Psalm 139 is so important as it tells us how important we are to God. He is our creator and the one who knows us best. We are fully known because of His love in creation. **Genesis 1:27** tells us that "God created us in His image Male and female ~ He created us." Because of this we can know that we are fully known.

Have you ever created something with your hands? If you are like me, it never seems to come out as I saw it in my mind's eye, but it still is a creation that I made and therefore it is important to me as the creator of it. Creating something from nothing gives us a feeling of accomplishment and achievement. We did that and it may not look like we thought it would, but it is our creation.

Psalm 139:13-14 reads; "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mothers womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Look at all the ladies sitting around you today and the difference there is in each one of us, but even in those differences, we are created in His image. He knows us fully as He is the

one who created us. Psalm 139 tells us so many wonderful things that God knows about us.

- He knows when I sit and when I stand.
- He knows my thoughts.
- He knows when I go out and when I lay down.
- He is familiar with all my ways.
- He knows what we are going to say before we say it.
- He knows where I try to hide.
- He knows I cannot hide from Him.
- He knows my frame or body because He was there when I was created.
- His eyes saw my unformed body.

What a wonderful list this is and how almost unbelievable it is that He could love me so much that I was made by His own hands. I am fully known! Known, because He is the maker, creator of who I am.

I began by telling you that this chapter came to me during a very challenging time in my life as a mother, pastor, officer, daughter, granddaughter, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. It was a time that a young woman of my corps became pregnant and told me first. Her mother didn't speak English and she wanted me to talk to her mother and let her know that she was pregnant at the age of 14. I was so sad for her, and I was so nervous to try to talk to her mother as we had no common ground, no common language. I went into my office and asked God to help me be a messenger of truth and peace in this situation.

I went to see her mother and to talk to her about the uncomfortable situation. The mother was understandably upset. She yelled, she cried, she became angry, she had all the emotions a mother would have in this situation. She immediately told the young girl that she should go and have an abortion. I only know that because the young girl was translating for her mother and for me. The young woman cried and ran off. What was I to do? Lord, help me with this. I need you now.

I opened my bible to Psalm 139 and read it, in English, and asked God to speak to this mother as I read the words that said, "You knit me together in my mother's womb, I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." After I finished reading the chapter, I excused myself and left the house. The next day the young lady came into my office and told me that her mother had changed her mind and that she could have the child and give it up for adoption. I told her that I would help her anyway I could. After going home that night I told my husband and we agreed that we would take the baby and offer to adopt it.

The young lady gave birth to a beautiful little girl and decided to keep her. For the first two years of her life, my husband and I were able to help her and to see this little one grow and to be nurtured. She was at the corps every program that she could be, and we were able to speak truth and Jesus into her life as well as her mother.

This scripture is so important for each of us as God has a plan for us. Something that He has ordained for us to do and to be. He is our creator and because of that, we are fully known!

Prayer ~ Father, we thank you for knowing us because you created us for your pleasure. We thank you for the differences we all have and for the things we share that are alike. We love you for your great love for us. Your sacrifice of Jesus shows us your perfect love. We thank you that we are fully known because your word tells us so. Thank you for all you are to each of us! Amen.

Craft ~ Tree with all the lady's fingerprints as leaves in fall colors. Put the scripture verse **Psalm 139:17** "How precious to me are your thoughts O God. How vast the sum of them!"

You can put each woman's name by their fingerprints and then put the scripture at the bottom. Perhaps you want to put the song He Knows My Name on the bottom.

See examples of photos.



Finger prints of all the ladies in the group on your tree.



Supplies needed



Finished project

Enjoy yourself and be thankful that God knows you fully and you are not one the same.

Questions for discussion ~

Am I important to God?

Why am I important to God?

How is it that He knows me so well?

What are some scriptures about being fully known?

Luke 12:7 Hairs on your head are numbered.

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.

Psalms 139:16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Romans 8:27 God already knows our deepest thoughts. And He understands what the Spirit is saying, because the Spirit speaks for His people in the way that agrees with what God wants. (ERV)

Bible Study: **Questions for discussion ~**

Am I important to God? Yes!

Romans 8:27 ~ "God already knows our deepest thoughts. And He understands what the Spirit is saying, because the Spirit speaks for His people in the way that agrees with what God wants." (ERV)

Why am I important to God? Because He loves you!

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

1 John 3:1 - "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

Jeremiah 31:3 - "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness."

How is it that He knows me so well?

Because the scriptures tell us so.

Psalms 119:73 "Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands."

As we look at **Psalm 139:13 and 14** we find that we are made and knit together in our mothers' womb. In looking at **Psalm 119:73** we also see that we that we were made and formed by God the Father. What a joy to know the creator and the creation He made us to be.

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Being fully known by God is one of the best things we have going for us. Because of this verse we can understand that God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die and to rise again for us. I pray that you know how important you are to God and that you are blessed to be fully known.

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Let's sing to close out this time of study, Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know.
For the bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but HE is strong!
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The bible tells me so!