

# Priceless! You are Fully Known!

## I am Known by God

As a child, I never understood how my mother knew if I was really sick or was simply “exaggerating” my illness. As an adult, she let me in on the secret. When I am legitimately not feeling well, my blue eyes turn slatey grey. Guess what. My three kids have the same color eyes and do the exact same thing.

I shared that secret with my husband. Days when I don't feel so well, he can look into my eyes and know if my “I am fine” is true or not. When my eyes disclose the truth, he usually encourages me to go to bed and rest, until I really feel fine. There is something special about being fully known. Until now, only a few people knew that little detail about me.

My mom and my husband know me well, but God knows me even better. He created me—He gave me the blue colored eyes that turn grey when my body is fighting illness. In Psalm 139, David writes about being known by God. Verses 14-17 says, ***For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!***

God shaped me to be me. He gave me all the physical features—my changing eye color, my height (a little taller would have been nice), the shape of my face (round, really?). He didn't just form me physically, but he made who I am—the personality I have, the gifts and talents I have, even the fact that I am a morning person, is all because God shaped me this way.

At the beginning of Psalm 139, David points out all the things that God knows about him—which is everything. Austin Gentry writes, *“Even the smallest moments of our lives—such as our sitting down and rising up—actions we do not even count or consider, God counts and considers.”*

He knows the good, the bad and the ugly about me, and yet He still adores me. He knew me before I was born, and He knows my days. He knew when I would be born, and He knows when my days will come to an end. He knows things that I don't even know about myself. He knows the number of hair I have on my head: ***And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered*** (Matthew 10:30). Besides knowing the amount of hair that I have, He also knows my joys and my tears and even a tear that I shed does not go unnoticed by our Heavenly Father. Psalm 56:8 NLT says, ***You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.***

He knows me—inside and out—the words that I say and even the words that I am thinking (now that can be scary). What a comfort to know that I am known by Him, and even though He knows all about me, He loves me! ***You have searched me, Lord, and you know me*** (Psalm 139:1).



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## Conversation Starters



Gather with some friends and spend some time going deep with conversation focusing on the idea that you are fully known.

- ◆ If you were famous, what would you want to be known for?
- ◆ Who is someone that once you got to really know them, your opinion about them changed?
- ◆ Who do you think knows you best? Why?
- ◆ When you think about being known, how does that make you feel?
- ◆ What is something that others might not know about you (a secret talent or a dream perhaps)?
- ◆ What would you like to be known/remembered for?
- ◆ If you know me, you know that.... (complete the sentence with 3 things)
- ◆ What has God been teaching you lately?
- ◆ What have you been praying for lately?

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***“God knows everything about us. Where we are, what we’re doing, what we’re thinking, how we got where we are, and where we’ll be in the future. Nothing escapes His notice.”*** Karen Wingate

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### Additional Resources

Check out our website for more resources to help you focus on your identity - You are fully known: <https://usw-womensministries.org/>

Bible Study & Devotional: *I Am Known* by Major Gaylene Yardley

Blog: *God Knows Me* by Major Beth Desplancke

Craft: *Fingerprint Tree* by Major Gaylene Yardley

Check out our Playlist of songs that speak of our identity in Christ: WM 2024-2025

Priceless: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7xLxDn8lLdAq4je3D5L4YK?si=547054ac7309495c>

## Search Me Prayer

David concludes Psalm 139 with a powerful prayer: ***Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting*** (v. 23-24).

**Search Me.** “Search” in Hebrew means to examine, probe, ascertain, to do a thorough search. David knows that God knows everything about him, but David doesn’t know everything that is in his heart. He is asking God to reveal those things deeply hidden in his heart. David is saying to God, “Shine a spotlight on my heart and reveal what is inside me.”

**Test Me.** When David prays “test me,” he is asking God to bring things into his life that reveals to David how he handles adversity and anxiety. David has already asked God to look at his heart, and now he is asking God to look at his thoughts. Anxious thoughts are any thoughts that cause a person to be troubled, disturbed or disquieted.

**Reveal to Me.** The reason David is asking God to search and test him, is so that God will see and disclose what He discovers to David. David doesn’t want God to keep what He discovers as a secret, but to share it with David, to convict him of the sin that lurks in his heart and mind, to show him ***any offensive way*** that is in him. David knows he is a sinner, and there are thoughts, attitudes and actions that are not like what God desires.

**Lead Me.** David concludes with the desire for God to lead him ***in the way everlasting***. David wants to have his sin shown to him, so that he can confess and repent of his sin, and then continue on the path God has for him.

This should be our prayer. We need to ask God to reveal in you what isn’t pleasing to Him, so that you can confess and then turn from your sinful actions and thoughts. Spend time daily, praying these verses, and see what God will have you change.



## Flourishing in the Word

This month spend some time reading in the gospels and learn about how Jesus knew the hearts and minds of those around Him. He knew details nobody else knew.

Nov 1	John 1:35-51	Nov 16	Mt 20:17-19, Mk
Nov 2	John 4:1-26		10:32-34, Lk 18:31-34
Nov 3	Luke 5:1-11	Nov 17	Luke 19:1-10
Nov 4	Mt 9:1-17, Mk 2:1-22	Nov 18	John 11:1-16
Nov 5	Luke 5:17-39	Nov 19	John 11:17-44
Nov 6	Luke 7:11-17	Nov 20	Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11
Nov 7	Luke 7:36-50	Nov 21	Lk 19:28-40,
Nov 8	Mk 5:21-43, Lk 8:41-56		Jn 12:12-19
Nov 9	John 6:1-14	Nov 22	Mk 12:41-44, Lk 21:1-4
Nov 10	Mt 14:22-23,	Nov 23	Matthew 26:1-16
	Mk 6:45-51	Nov 24	Mathew 26:17-35
Nov 11	John 6:15-21	Nov 25	Mark 14:1-11
Nov 12	Mt 16:21-28,	Nov 26	Mark 14:12-31
	Mk 8:31-9:1	Nov 27	Luke 22:1-6
Nov 13	Luke 9:21-27	Nov 28	Luke 22:7-34
Nov 14	Mt 17:22-23,	Nov 29	John 13:1-17
	Mk 9:30-37, Lk 9:43-50	Nov 30	John 13:18-38
Nov 15	John 7:1-13		

## Flourishing Ideas from the Territory

**Bozeman, MT** celebrated National Truffle Day by learning how to make them. **Fort Collins, CO** held their annual women's tea with a board game theme. Each table was decorated as a different game.

**Klawock, AK** held an old fashioned sing-along of old Salvation Army choruses as they worked on crafts.

**Orange County Korean, CA** did an "Alliance of Mother's Faith" that Home League's in the Korean Territory have been doing. Women are paired up with kids from the corps, and they commit to pray for those kids each day, as well as greet them in a special way when they are at church. It has helped the women become more interested in the children who attend the corps.

**Pendleton, OR** had a charcuterie class and learned how to make meat flowers, different ways to cut cheese and fruit and how to arrange them to look appealing.

**Portland Moore Street, OR** has been doing in-depth study through Galatians.

**Roseburg, OR** held a "Table Talk Tea" with over 40 guests.

**Tulare, CA** had a Back to the 50's day.

## Psalm 139—A Paraphrase

In his book, *Psalms Now*, Leslie Brandt, writes all the psalms in his own words, making them prayers. Here is how he phrased Psalm 139.

O God, You know me inside and out, through and through. Everything I do, every thought that flits through my mind, every step I take, every plan I make, every word I speak, You know, even before these things happen. You know my past; You know my future. Your circumventing presence covers my every move. Your knowledge of me sometimes comforts me, sometimes frightens me; but always it is far beyond my comprehension.

There is no way to escape You, no place to hide. If I ascend to the heights of joy, You are there before me. If I am plunged into the depths of despair, You are there to meet me. I could fly to the other side of our world and find You there to lead the way. I could walk into the darkest of nights, only to find You there to lighten its dismal hours.

You were present at my very conception. You guided the molding of my unformed members within the body of my mother. Nothing about me, from beginning to end, was hid from Your eyes. How frightfully, fantastically wonderful it all is!

May Your all-knowing, everywhere-present Spirit continue to search out my feelings and thoughts. Deliver me from that which may hurt or destroy me, and guide me along the paths of love and truth.



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***“O Eternal One, You have explored my heart and know exactly who I am; You even know the small details like when I take a seat and when I stand up again. Even when I am far away, You know what I’m thinking.”***

Psalm 139:1-2 (VOICE)

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### Identity Statements

You are fully known by God.. Here are some identity statements for you to claim, memorize and meditate on.

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Psalm 139:1-3

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. And even the very hairs of your head are numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Matthew 10:29-31

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.” John 10:14-15

But whoever loves God is known by God. 1 Corinthians 8:3