



Sermon Notes

Season of Healing
January 22, 2023

Sanctity: *Very important; valuable; sacred.*

Sacred: *connected with God; holy.*

Every human being, from the moment of conception, is very important, valuable, and made to be connected with God.

Isaiah 44:24

²⁴ *Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb...*

The word 'formed' in the Hebrew means to fashion or to mold into a form, especially as a potter - with a specific purpose in mind.

Jeremiah 1:5

⁵ *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew^[a] you,
before you were born I set you apart*

a. *Or chose*

Before I was conceived, God knew me and chose me.

Every person deserves human dignity!

God doesn't rally around our opinion of ourselves!

I was made in God's image.

Genesis 1:26

²⁶ *Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..."*

"Man was made in the image of God, and nothing will satisfy man but God, in whose image he was made".

Charles Spurgeon

"You were made by God and for God. And until you understand that, life will make no sense".



Rick Warren

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Genesis 2:7

⁷ Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

“Mysterious, intricate, pulsing with energy... The human body is an endlessly fascinating repository of secrets. The miracle of the skin, the strength and structure of the bones, the dynamic balance of the muscles . . . your physical being is knit according to a pattern of incredible purpose.”

Philip Yancey

Psalm 139:13-18

¹³ You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb.

¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

¹⁶ You saw me before I was born.

Every day of my life was recorded in your book.

Every moment was laid out

before a single day had passed.

¹⁷ How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.

They cannot be numbered!

¹⁸ I can’t even count them;

they outnumber the grains of sand!

And when I wake up,

you are still with me!

v14 NIV - *Fearfully and wonderfully made*

In the original Hebrew text, the word 'fearfully' means: *with great reverence and heart-felt interest and respect.*



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The word 'wonderfully' means: *unique, set apart, uniquely marvelous.*

Jeremiah 29:11

¹¹ *For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

KJV: *For I know the **thoughts** that I think toward you....*

The word for 'thoughts' in the Hebrew means *purposeful meditation, intentions, skillful works; think, to plan, to devise.*

Psalm 92:5

⁵ *How great are your works, O LORD,
how profound your thoughts!*

Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰ *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works...*

The word '*workmanship*' comes from the Greek word '*poiema*' signifying a work of art created by an artisan. In English, we get the words *poem* and *poetry* from this word.

We are God's poem.

This is who I am!

There is healing in accepting our value, and learning to identify with it.

HEALING MANIFESTO

Lord, I commit to the following:

I will be real with You. That means admitting I'm not OK at times.

I will resist the urge to self-manage.

I will cooperate with Your work through obedience.

I will stop speaking negativity.



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