

# still waters

home church studies

## Psalm 139.1-6, 13-18 [Worship]

1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me. 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. 3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. 5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. 17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! 18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

### Consider:

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The story of the calling of Samuel takes that insight one step further—God must know us before we can know God. God calls us over and over, but because we do "not yet know the Lord" (1 Samuel 3:7), we mistakenly think the call is coming from someone else. Initially, it was Eli, not Samuel, who realized the Lord was calling the boy. The lesson of 1 Samuel 3, then, is twofold: God knows us and calls out to us long before we know God; and sometimes the insight of a wise friend or mentor is necessary in our recognizing God's movement in our lives for what it is.

This all culminates in the gospel reading, the story of Jesus calling Nathaniel and Philip. Philip tells Nathaniel that he has "found the one Moses wrote of in the law, the one preached by the prophets" (John 1:45)—Jesus, from Nazareth. Nathaniel doubts the Messiah could come from a town like Nazareth, but he agrees to go with Philip and check this Jesus out.

### [Think & Pray...]



Interesting how God already knows us isn't it? I've recently discussed with a friend, that when we first met, and even though I knew nothing of him before, my words were "meant for him." I however thought I was just speaking as I always do. The words became God's because they were close to his experience—too close. They struck a chord within him and bypassed a long discussion of convincing him of anything in his situation. God breathed life into those words, even though I was unaware of it. Jesus does that too, except He does know us, and proves it, even in this. Most of the time we feel as though we find our own way to God. When has God found you like this, redirecting your path? Kork

### [Scripture]

## 1 Corinthians 6.12-20

12 "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. 13 "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! 16 Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." 17 But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18 Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20 For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.