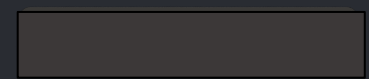




Trusting God for Who You Are

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A person is walking away from the camera on a suspension bridge. The bridge has wooden planks and thick ropes for railings. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn, with a soft glow in the distance. The person is centered in the frame, walking along the length of the bridge.

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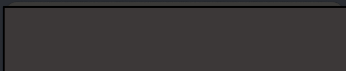
No, on the contrary, God created man good and **in His image**, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that he might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love him, and live with him in eternal blessedness to **praise and glorify him.**



God's **Intimate** Knowledge

Psalm 139:13-19

"For you formed my inward parts; you **knitted** me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was **not hidden** from you, when I was being **made** in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes **saw** my unformed substance; in your book were written, **every one** of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them."





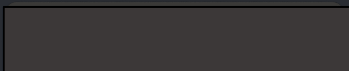
Who We Are



What We Are



God's Guidance



Who We Are:

1

Created with Purpose

Jeremiah 1:5

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

2

God's Masterpiece

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are his **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

3

A Chosen People

1 Peter 2:9

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his **own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."



The Power of God's **Intimate** Knowledge

1

Intricately Woven

Psalm 139 reveals
God's detailed
involvement in our
formation and life
journey.

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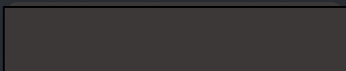
Known Completely

God understands our
deepest thoughts,
fears, and desires
better than we do.



" I would rather be what God chose to make me than the most glorious creature that I could think of; for to have been thought about, born in God's thought, and then made by God, is the dearest, grandest, and most precious thing in all thinking"

- George MacDonald



What We Are:

Recognize God's Design

Acknowledge your **unique traits** as intentional gifts from the Creator.

Identity

Renew your mind in **God's truths** about your identity and worth.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come".

2 Corinthians 5:17



Trusting in God's Design



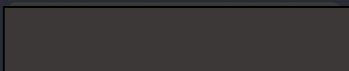
Unique Design

God creates each person with **distinct qualities**. Comparing ourselves diminishes His craftsmanship and robs our joy.



Unique Purpose

God has **created each one of us** to serve His kingdom in our own capacity. Gifting, capability, or the absence thereof are a part of His sovereign plan.





Trusting God's Guidance

1

Trust God to Lead: Ps 119:105

"Your word is a **lamp** to my feet, a light on my path"

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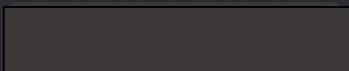
Plan Well - Use Wisdom: Prov 4:5-9

"Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; **therefore get wisdom**: and with all thy getting get understanding"

3

We Live in Christ

His Spirit indwells us, searing the His word onto our hearts and minds, so that it is never far from us, and thus comes on as a **comfort and guide** in times of distress .





Responding with

Trust

Serve with Love

Use your unique abilities to meet needs in your church and community.



Walk with other Christians

We are designed by God to exist in community with one another. This is for the betterment of the body.



Evangelize

Share the amazing ways in which God has knit you together and guided you through this life with others

