

‘manifesto’ = Public declaration of your core beliefs, intentions, and motives

Declaration of Independence is a Manifesto that declares "self-evident" truths

- **Human equality and unalienable rights and justifies a radical break from the British**  
**Powerful text – ‘Spiritual Manifesto’ = Human value and divine providence**

• **Power of inherent worth** – ‘Fearfully and Wonderfully Made’

• **Power of purpose over accident** - No human life is a mistake or "random" occurrence

- **My wife was pregnant walking down isle (testimony) surprise? Yes. Mistake? No.**

• **Power of intimate connection** – Describes God's thoughts as "vast" and "precious."

- **This text is a declaration of your value** – You were carefully made in God's image

- **This text is a declaration pro-life** – Womb to tomb life is provided and protected

- **This test is a declaration that people are unique in God's economy...cherished**

**Big Idea - From Beginning to End Your Life has Unshakable Worth** | **READ**

David is writing a radical disposition on the worth of the human life...unknown at time

• Ancient Near East value estimated: Status, gender, physical strength, family lineage

- The unborn, infants, disabled, poor, women had little value – **Text = fly in ointment**

**We live in a society that has the stench of the same values – People ask ‘Who am I’**

• Some try answer question through achievement, identity, relationships, or approval

• Others quietly wonder if lives really matter at all...you matter...you matter to God

**Psalm 139 reminds us God has answered the question ‘Who am I’**

• David shows us that our lives are not accidents, interruptions, or afterthoughts.

• We are intentionally created, personally known, lovingly sustained by God | **3 ways**

## **1. Life begins with God's created hand (13-15)**

<sup>13</sup>For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

• ‘When does life begin’ is a question hotly debated in political and social circles

Text answers that question – Life begins at conception...must be protected at fertilization

• Appalling state – No gestational limits – No waiting periods – No parental consent

**I want to be clear – Abortion is a sin, but it is not the unforgivable sin | 1 in 4 | Gospel**

**All Christians should vote for legislation that makes abortion more difficult...illegal**

“Formed” speaks of intentional design - “Knitted” pictures careful, skillful craftsmanship

**Womb is not merely a biological environment—it is God's workshop...not mass produced**

• This Truth protects the unborn – The disabled – The elderly – and the vulnerable

<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. David begins with worship – ‘I praise

you that I am fearfully and wonderfully made’

- ‘Fearfully’ = reverence and awe | ‘Wonderfully’ = Distinct / Marvelous / Set apart

**Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when**

**I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

• God saw you before anyone else did...before an ultrasound could pick you up...God

**In recent years, scientists have mapped the human genome – inside every cell = DNA**

• Microscopic code billions information | Eye - Hair – Height – Immune response – heal

• If you stretched out all the DNA in your body 37 trillion cells – Sun and back over 60x

**That is ‘you were intricately woven in the depths of the earth’**

**Takeaway - Embrace your God given value** | **Three ways to do that...**

a. **Reject the lie that you were a mistake** – Life has dignity because God formed you

b. **Let God's Truth shape your understanding** – I don't care what culture says about life

c. **Trust God with the unfinished parts of your story** – What He begins...complete

## **2. Life is directed by God's sovereign plan (16)**

<sup>16</sup>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 was none of them.

**Sovereign** = God's absolute right and power to exercise authority over His entire creation

⇒ **Authority** = As the Creator, God has the legal and moral right to govern everything

⇒ **Control** = God has the power to ensure His will is accomplished

⇒ **Presence** = God is personally involved in His creation | **Property Management Co.**  
**God sovereignly knows, plans, and governs our lives from before we exist**

I'm going to give you three things that are true from this text that are mind-blowing

- a. **God knows us before we were formed** - ‘Your eyes saw my unformed substance’

• David is saying, God saw your birthday before you were conceived – **Before creation**

- b. **God sovereignly plans your days** – ‘In your book were written.....(Read above)’

• God's purposeful design | Nothing in life is random, wasted, or outside God's control

- c. **Everything is written in the book of the creator...make it through tough chapters**

Not everything is God's will, but everything is governed by God's will | **Burn house down**

- c. **God's plan precedes our existence** - when as yet there was none of them

• Before David had lived a single day, God knew and ordered them – **Book in middle**

Psalm 139:16 assures: intentionally known, lovingly planned, and sovereignly held by God

**Takeaway - Trust God's Authorship for Life** | **Because God has written our days:**

- i. **Life has meaning even in suffering** | God has allowed or ordained for your good

- ii. **Fear is answered by trust in God's wisdom** | Believe God knows better than you

- iii. **Hope is strengthened, because our future rests in God, not chance** | Not an accident

## **3. Life is surrounded by God's constant care (17-18)**

<sup>17</sup>How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup>If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

Have you ever felt like just a number – Billions of people – **Pizza Hut = 4306 / 716502**

- It's easy to feel insignificant, overlooked, or just a drop of water in the ocean

**This verse shows that you are a constant object of God's divine attention**

In these verses...David highlights three attributes of God's thoughts towards us:

- a. **The Quality of His Thoughts** - **How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!**

• Hebrew word "precious" carries the idea of something rare, weighty, or of high value  
**Think about your toaster – Now a loved one...who gets the more precious thought**

- b. **The Quantity of His Thoughts** - **How vast is the sum of them!**

• David attempts to do the "holy math" of God's mindfulness – The total calculation  
• The total number of God's thoughts towards you is uncalculatable...**not a number**

<sup>18</sup>If I would count them, they are more than the sand – A lot of sand... **Google 10<sup>100</sup>**

- c. **The Persistence of God's Thoughts** - I awake, and I am still with you.

• This concludes the thought experiment of God – **You are on God's mind constantly**  
**While you are sleeping...on the mind of God – When you wake up...on the mind of God**

**Takeaway - Let wonder replace worry**

Text = worry...How does God know me so well – Am I fated – Why did God... | **Application**

- i. **Rest in God's Care When You Feel Overlooked**

• When loneliness or discouragement...preach, **God is actively mindful of me right now**

- ii. **Let God's Thoughts Define Your Worth**

• God's thoughts toward you precious...value is not productivity, success, or approval

- iii. **Trust God When You Don't Understand His Ways** | Not always understand...trust

**When life doesn't make sense, don't assume God is absent** | **Spiritual Manifesto**