UNDERSTANDING MY SHAPE

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"Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb...Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration—what a creation! You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day."

(Psalm 139:13–16. The Message)

"Your hands shaped and made me...You formed me inside my mother...You dressed me with skin and flesh; you sewed me together with bones and muscles. You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in your care you watched over my life." (Job 10:8–12, NCV)

What is my SHAPE?

S PIRITUAL GIFTS

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." (1 Peter 4:10, NLT)

H EART

"It is God who produces in you the desires and actions that please him." (Philippians 2:13. GW)

A BILITIES

"...we're just God's servants, each of us with certain special abilities..." (1 Corinthians 3:5, The Living Bible)

P <u>ERSONALITY</u>

"Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again." (1 Thessalonians 5:23, NLT)

E XPERIENCES

"...in our trouble God has comforted us—and this, too, to help you: to show you from our personal experience how God will tenderly comfort you when you undergo these same sufferings. He will give you the strength to endure." (2 Corinthians 1:6–7, The Living Bible)

KNOWING MY SHAPE...

1. **REVEALS** GOD'S DIRECTION FOR ME.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD." (Jeremiah 29:11a, NLT)

2. **REVITALIZES** GOD'S SPIRIT INSIDE ME.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28, NLT)

3. **REVOLUTIONIZES** THE WORLD AROUND ME.

"The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!" (Matthew 25:21/23, NLT)

GOD'S FINAL EXAM:

"What did you do with WHAT I GAVE YOU?"