

GOD SEES YOU

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SUMMARY:

This message transitions from a 21-day prayer and expectation period into a deeper understanding of living attentively in God's presence. Rather than focusing on outcomes or what God will do, the message emphasizes who God already is in relation to us. Drawing from Psalm 139, the message reveals that before God alters our circumstances, He deepens our interior life. True expectation is not rooted in anxiety about the future or perfect prayer, but in the sobering and comforting truth that God already knows us completely including our thoughts, our paths, our words before we speak them. The message challenges listeners to move from asking God to bless their plans to surrendering to God's will, recognizing that He has already ordained our times, places, and purposes. Spiritual maturity means waiting in trust before a God who already understands everything about us, finding Him not just in religious moments but in the ordinary rhythms of daily life.

KEY POINTS

- Before God alters circumstances, He deepens the interior life of the person waiting on Him
- Biblical expectation is rooted in intimacy with God, not in outcomes or what will happen
- Psalm 139 reveals who God already is in relation to us, not what He will do
- God's knowledge of us is continuous and perfect. He knows our thoughts before we form them
- There is no division between spiritual moments and ordinary ones; God is present in all of life
- Expectation doesn't require perfect prayer, only honest presence
- God surrounds us from every direction. He is already in our past and our future
- Spiritual maturity means standing in truth rather than feeling
- The ministry's four-fold mission: plant 20 new locations, establish a leadership center, create a Formation for Life Mission and Training School, and launch Impactus Care
- Traveling for faith and investing in spiritual growth is essential for advancement

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

- Psalm 139:1-18 (primary focus)
- Book of Acts (reference to God ordaining when and where we live)

QUOTES

- Before God alters circumstances, He deepens the interior life of the person who's waiting on Him.
- Psalm 139 doesn't tell us what God will do. It tells us who God already is in relation to us.
- This psalm is for people who have prayed deeply and now must live attentively.
- The God who searches is the God who stays. I've searched you and I'm staying. I see your faults, I see your weaknesses, I see your sin, I see your duplicity, I see your half-heartedness, I see you and I'm the God who stays despite that.
- God already knows what you can't name. God already knows what you were going to think before you've thought the thought, before you've formed it.
- Christian maturity says to me, you stand in the truth and not in the feeling.
- There's no division between spiritual moments and ordinary ones. God searches out our paths, not just our altars, not just our holy moments.
- Expectation is formed in the ordinary faithfulness of your daily life. The ordinary. That's where God is.

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

This guide is designed to help your small group dive deeper into the message.

OPENING PRAYER

Pray the IMPACTERS Community Prayer.

ICE BREAKER

Question: Share about a time you traveled somewhere specifically for a spiritual purpose (retreat, conference, pilgrimage, etc.). What made you decide to go? What happened?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. God Deepens Before He Alters

Before God changes our circumstances, He deepens our interior life. Expectation is rooted in intimacy with God, not in outcomes.

2. God Already Knows

God's knowledge of us is complete, continuous, and perfect. He knows our thoughts before we form them, our needs before we speak them.

3. No Division Between Sacred and Ordinary

God is present in every moment, not just our "spiritual" times, but in the mundane, the ordinary, and even the bathroom.

4. God Is Already in Your Future

God has already been working in your past to prepare you for today, and He's already in your future preparing the way.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Section 1: Traveling for Faith

1. What struck you about Bruce's emphasis on "traveling for your faith"? How do you invest financially and with your time in your spiritual growth?
2. Have you ever considered attending a spiritual event in another city or country? What holds you back or what excites you about that possibility?

Section 2: Prayer and Expectation

3. Bruce shared how he used to pray "God bless my year" versus "What do You want for me?" Which approach is more familiar to you? Why is the second approach "scarier"?
4. Reflect on the 21 Days of Prayer and Expectation (or similar prayer seasons you've experienced). Did you feel like "anything happened"? How does Psalm 139 speak to that question?

Section 3: God's Complete Knowledge

5. Read Psalm 139:1-4 together. What does it mean to you personally that God has "searched" and "known" you completely?
6. Bruce says, "God's knowledge is not occasional. It is continuous." How does this truth change the way you approach prayer, especially when you don't have the "right words"?
7. Have you experienced dry seasons in prayer like Bruce described? How did you respond? What helped you keep showing up?

Section 4: Sacred and Ordinary

8. Bruce emphasized that God is present in both our "spiritual moments and ordinary ones." Where do you tend to compartmentalize your life into "sacred" and "secular"?
9. Share an example of when God met you in an unexpected, ordinary moment. What made that encounter memorable?

Section 5: God in Your Future

10. Verse 5 says God "hems us in behind and before." How does knowing God is already in your future change how you face uncertainty or fear?
11. Can you identify a time when something from your past (a meeting, a decision, a relationship) was clearly God preparing you for something in your present?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

This Week's Challenge: Choose One

Option 1: Practice Honest Presence

- Set aside 10 minutes each day to sit before God without an agenda. Don't try to "pray well," just be present. Journal what happens.

Option 2: Recognize God in the Ordinary

- Each day, intentionally look for God in one ordinary moment (cooking, commuting, working, etc.). Thank Him for being present there.

Option 3: Surrender Your Plans

- Take one specific area of your life where you've been asking God to "bless your plans." Instead, pray "Your will be done. What do You want for me in this area?"

Option 4: Invest in Your Faith

- Research one spiritual event, retreat, or conference happening this year. Consider if God is calling you to invest in your spiritual growth by attending.

GROUP ACTIVITY

Psalm 139 Reflection:

- Give everyone 5 minutes of silence to read Psalm 139:1-18 slowly
- Have each person share ONE verse or phrase that stood out to them and why
- Pray for each other based on what was shared

CLOSING PRAYER

Pray together:

"Father, thank You that You have searched us and known us. Thank You that nothing about us surprises You, and yet You stay. Help us to live attentively to Your presence in every moment—sacred and ordinary. Give us courage to ask 'What do You want?' instead of just asking You to bless what we want. We trust that You are already in our future, preparing the way. In Jesus' name, Amen."