

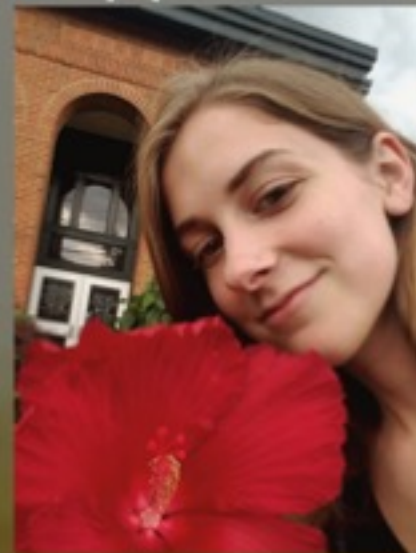
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Durango, CO



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Ashley at  
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## Grace Brevard

99% sure we'll be renting a  
facility near downtown,  
prayerfully having our first service  
Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> (1st Sunday of Advent)





*psalms*

*praying the story*

Psalm 139

*“The Glorious Presence of God”*

## Psalm 139

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

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

<sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.

<sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"

<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.

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

<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

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.

<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.

<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.

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!

<sup>24</sup> And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!

# The Presence of God

*O LORD, you have searched me and known me!*

*<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.*

*<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.*

*<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.*

*<sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from your presence?*

**God Abandoning Me**

**Me Abandoning God**

## The Powerful Presence of God

*<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.*

**God isn't just present in all places and all times,  
He doesn't just know everything, even our thoughts,  
He is actively powerful in orchestrating His ends.**



# The Loving, Powerful Presence of God

*<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.*

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

*<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

**God is not just all knowing, present and powerful,  
He acts in absolute love in everything He does.**

# The Loving, Powerful Presence of God - With Us

## *Genesis 3:8*

*...and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"*

## *Matt 27:46b*

*"My God, my God,  
why have you  
forsaken me?"*

## *Matthew 28:20b*

*And behold, I am with  
you always, to the  
end of the age."*

# The Unfathomable Loving Powerful Presence of God

*<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it.*

*<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.*

# The Practical Presence of God

## Worship

*This was written  
“to the Choirmaster”  
not to the University Professor.*

### Singing

“I Praise You, for...”

### Confessing

“Search Me”

### Following

“Lead Me”

