

KNOW YOURSELF THAT YOU MIGHT KNOW GOD

PSALM 139 – ERIC SIMPSON – SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

"There comes a time in the spiritual life when one of the major things God is up to is to lovingly help us see ourselves more clearly. This is a most challenging element of the spiritual life, one that most of us shrink from with more than a little bit of dread."

– Ruth Haley Barton

"How can you draw close to God when you are far from your own self? Grant, Lord, that I may know myself that I may know Thee." – Augustine

➤ **Imago Dei** = image of God

Psalm 139:13-14

¹³ *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

¹⁴ *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

➤ **Sinful nature** = our bent toward drifting from God

Psalm 51:5

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Psalm 139:23-24

²³ *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.*

²⁴ *See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

"Just because you've read a few good books doesn't mean you've surrendered the ego and fallen in love with God." – Richard Rohr

"You see, there are two fundamental ways of being human in the world: trusting in our human resources and abilities or radically trusting in God...Unless you are aware of these two selves—these two ways of being in the world—you will have great difficulty allowing God to lead you into a deeper life of wholeness in Christ."

– Robert Mulholland Jr.

Recommended Resource: *The Road Back to You* by Cron & Stabile