

The logo for 'REAL TALK' features the words 'REAL' and 'TALK' stacked vertically in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is set against a yellow, 3D-style rectangular background that has a grid-like pattern. This yellow block is centered on a blue background with a soft, cloudy or nebula-like texture. On the right side of the blue background, there are several small white plus signs and a white right-pointing triangle, suggesting a video player interface.

IDENTITY — HOW DOES GOD SEE YOU?

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Psalm 139

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MESSAGE NOTES

I am known.

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. — Psalm 139:1 – 6

I am never alone.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. — Psalm 139:7 – 12

I am unique.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand — when I awake, I am still with you. — Psalm 139:13 – 18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Read Psalm 139

- What is one thing that stuck out to you about the message this weekend?
- What is the one thing from the message that somebody in your life needs to hear?
- Based on these verses what does God know?
- How do you feel about God's knowledge of you?
- Do these verses make you feel uncomfortable or bring you comfort?
- When it comes to your perception of your value and self-worth, what "voices" tend to carry the most weight in your mind?
- What are some advantages of God knowing everything about you?
- Even though we cannot "get away" from God, what do we do to sometimes hold Him at a distance?
- Based on verses 1 – 12, what else is integral to intimate relationships?
- Since God made us and is all-knowing and ever-present, what is the logical conclusion?
- How/when do you find yourself hiding your true self from God?
- How could you develop a more consistent sense of God's unshakable presence in your life?
- What would it look like for you to live openly before God?