SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1



Silence, stillness, and centering before God (2-5 minutes)

SCRIPTURE / **PSALM 139:13-18**

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. **15** 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. **16** Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. **17** How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! **18** Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand– when I awake, I am still with you.

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As I read these scriptures I am left in awe. The Creator of all the universe also created you and me before anyone else could see it or us, and yet He did so with a purpose that we don't even know apart from Him. However, we blindly wander through this world trying to find meaning to this life without seeking guidance and direction from the One who created it and us. The world would have you chase after your own dreams and ambitions and tell you that it is through these aspirations that you are defined; however, our Creator has already defined you as His precious gift to the world who is highly valuable to Him and even in this moment, sitting still in solitude, you are honoring and pleasing Him. Not only did He handcraft us, His thoughts of us are so numerous that they cannot even be counted. Wow, isn't that amazing?! Doesn't knowing that His thoughts are so numerous of you and that He has a divine purpose for your life ignite a desire in you to want to draw nearer to Him in order to find out what that purpose is and what He personally thinks of you? He has a divine purpose for you in your family, your home, your job, and even in our church.

How often are your thoughts on Him? How often do we stop to connect with the One who created us? The more we draw closer to our Creator the more we can come to an understanding of who we are and for what purpose we were created and placed on this earth.



Think deeply, process, and talk to the Lord (2-5 minutes)

- Reflect on the truth that He saw you and knew you before you were ever born.
- Be in awe of the truth that His thoughts about you right now can't be counted.
- Rest in the truth that He sees and holds your future every day of your life is already written in His book.