

A person wearing a grey hooded robe is kneeling in a grassy field, holding a long wooden staff. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise, with a large tree on the left and a line of trees in the background. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

# A Heart Like God's

Part 3: Our origin matters

26 and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,

Acts 17:26–27

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27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they  
might grope for Him and find Him, though  
He is not far from each one of us;

How and where we grew  
up was the sovereign  
choice of God.

He is able to take our  
experience from any  
"family of origin" and  
make it work for our  
good and His glory.

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

**Romans 8:28**

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"Those things we cannot accept in ourselves we project upon others. If I do not admit my own shadow life I will unconsciously find another who will carry my shadow for me.

Once this projection is made then I need not be upset with myself. My problems are now outside and I can fight them out there rather than in the real arena, myself."

(John English)



Our growth in God begins when we take responsibility for our own words and deeds. This opens the door for God to restore of our lives into His glorious purpose and call.

13 For You formed my inward parts; **You**  
**wove me in my mother's womb.**

**Psalm 139:13-16**

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14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully  
and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your  
works, And my soul knows it very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You, When  
I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought  
in the depths of the earth;

16 Your eyes have seen my unformed  
substance; And in Your book were all written  
The days that were ordained *for me*, When as  
yet there was not one of them.

The purpose of our **process** in God is to strip away the **false** identity gained from our misunderstood origin story, and replace it with a higher understanding that will encourage us into our **purpose** and **destiny**.

1 Now the LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have selected a king for Myself among his sons.”

1 Samuel 16:1–13

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2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? **When Saul hears of it, he will kill me.**" And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'



3 “You shall invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall **anoint for Me** the one whom I designate to you.”

4 So Samuel did what the LORD said, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the city came trembling to meet him and said, "Do you come in peace?"

5 He said, "In peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." He also consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 When they entered, he looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before Him."

7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."

9 Next Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."

10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass  
before Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The  
LORD has not chosen these."



11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are these all the children?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and behold, he is tending the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."

12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he."

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and  
anointed him in the midst of his brothers;  
and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily  
upon David from that day forward. And  
Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

When God has a call on  
your life, and has  
entrusted you with a gift,  
being overlooked by men  
does not change a thing.

1 Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Isaiah 53:1-3

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2 For He grew up before Him like a tender  
shoot, And like a root out of parched ground;  
He has *no stately form or majesty* That we  
should look upon Him, *Nor appearance that*  
*we should be attracted to Him.*

3 He was despised and forsaken of men, A  
man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
And like one from whom men hide their face  
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him...

**Ephesians 1:4**

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Our true origin story  
begins in heavenly places.  
Understanding this is the  
key to our **identity**, and  
therefore our **purpose**.

Our incarnation was  
when God's will for our  
lives began on earth as it  
was written in Heaven.

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

**Ephesians 2:10**

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