

Jesus Broke the Mold

Psalm 139:14

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

Have you ever heard from a stranger; I recognize you from somewhere, or you look just like someone I know? Most of us in our lives have heard that from someone or maybe even said it. Maybe, you do resemble somebody out there, but the truth is there is no one in the world that resembles you inch for inch. Not even identical twins are 100% physically identical. That honestly doesn't even begin to touch on what truly makes you who you are. Each one of us has a unique brain, background, and influences that make us who we are. None of those things can be duplicated. This makes you truly a unique person in the world.

Jeremiah 1:5

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew^{ed} you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

God knew you before the world did. God knew your strengths and your weaknesses. He knew the things that would make you quirky. God knew and He still created you EXACTLY the way you are. That might be hard for some to accept. I, for one, hate that I get lost easily or that I can't seem to find the words I need when I get nervous. Why would such a perfect God make me so flawed? However, He made me this way for a purpose. The truth is, who am I to judge my God and King? The Bible tells me that I fill a place in God's perfect design. I don't understand the why or the how, but HE does. Perhaps, you wish that you could paint like Picasso or had more athletic ability. Instead of wishing to be something you are not, focus on the qualities that make up you as a person, the qualities that God blessed you with. God loves variety, you can see that in the way He created us. Tall, short, people of all different skin, eye, and hair colors. When God looks at you He rejoices in your differences and broke the mold you came from. The same God that created mountains, oceans, and star filled galaxies, looked down and decided the world needed one of you too!

The same holds true for the students in your classrooms; each one is a unique design of God's. Understanding what makes up our students can help us not only relate to them but,

instruct them as well. God has entrusted us with making sure they know His promise. Part of that is helping them to rejoice in what makes them unique. After all, Ephesians 2:10 tells us: *For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

Show them with actions that we are loved with our perfect imperfections.

Let's pray:

Dear Lord, thank you for making each of us a unique wonder, wonderfully made by You. Help us to rejoice in our differences and help us to communicate to our students how important their uniqueness is in your eyes. Amen

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