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SERMON TITLE	**KNOWN BEFORE KNOWING**
SERIES	**KNOWING GOD**
DATE	11/1/2026
KEY SCRIPTURE	**Psalm 139:1-16, 23-24**
SYNOPSIS	Before you ever knew God, He already knew you, all the way down. And He wanted you anyway.
HIGHLIGHTS	

BIG IDEA

Before you ever knew Him, God already knew you, all the way down. **He's not a cop looking for what you did wrong. He's a treasure hunter, and you're what He's after.**

> *"You have searched me, LORD, and you know me." (Psalm 139:1)*

Notes:

HE KNOWS YOU

The Hebrew word for "searched" is *chaqar* (khah-KAR). The Bible uses it for spies scouting out land and for miners digging for something valuable. **He searched you. He knows you. And He kept His hand on you anyway.**

> *"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 139:5–6)*

Notes:

YOU CAN'T HIDE

Up high, down low, across the sea, in the dark, He's there. Grown-ups hide too. We stay busy, stay away, or stay quiet. Ever since the garden, God has come looking. **You can't hide from Him. And the good news is, you don't have to.**

> *"Even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you." (Psalm 139:12)*

Notes:

HE MADE YOU ON PURPOSE

"Woven together" is *raqam* (rah-KAHM), which means skilled embroidery. It appears nine times in the Old Testament. Eight are about the tabernacle, God's house. The ninth is about you. **You are not an accident.**

> *"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Psalm 139:14)*

Notes:

HE CAME ANYWAY

If God knows all that, does He still want me? Jesus answered that by coming to seek and save the lost. He knew the worst about us and went to the cross anyway. **He saw it all, and He came anyway.**

> *"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)*

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SEARCH ME

David starts with "You have searched me" and ends with "Search me." It's the same word, only now he's asking for it. God doesn't dig through your heart to shame you. He digs to get you out. **You don't have to clean up first.**

> *"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 139:23–24)*

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MAKE IT PERSONAL

Where have you been hiding: staying busy, staying away, or staying quiet? Tonight before bed, pray three words. Kids, this one's for you too. **"Search me, God."**

> *"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1)*

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