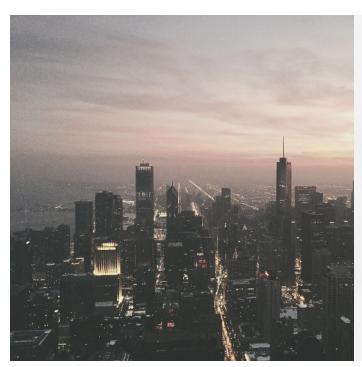


WEEK FIVE





EAST FROM THE WEST

READ PSALM 139

Do you ever feel unworthy? As though you are too far gone, that your sin is too great, that your heart is too broken for God's love?

As God's children, the reality is no matter how far we have gone, no matter how far we've run, we will never be unworthy of His love.

One of our favorite lines from this Psalm is in verses 17-18:

"How precious to me are your thoughts, God; were I to count them, they would out number the grains of sand"

How incredible! The Lord of the universe, the Alpha and Omega, thinks of you more times than there are grains of sand on the coast. With all your sins, your shortcomings, your failures, God still wants to be with you.

God cares for you—more than you will ever understand—in the depths of your pain, the heights of your joy, the darkness of your sorrows. Nothing you feel is too extreme, no sin committed is too dreadful. In the highs and the lows, God wants to be with us. He treasures us, values us, and is always near.

His love for you spans from east to west, a never ending stretch of unconditional love and acceptance. As humans, we often run from this, simply because we don't understand.

YOU ARE NEVER TOO FAR AWAY FROM GOD'S LOVE.

Plagued with sin, we feel undeserving of the love God offers us. Though, while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Perhaps we need to reevaluate ourselves and the way we see God's love. He accepts you for all that you are. Do you accept His love?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share a story of a time where you felt unworthy of Christ's love and forgiveness.
- Process through the significance of God's presence being with us in times of Joy and even in times where we are running away from him.
- Do you or a loved one you care about have a difficult time accepting God's love? If so, why?
- In what areas of your life do you actively see God's love presenting itself? In what areas do you struggle to see His love?
- What can you tangibly do this week to help your kids, loved ones, or friends further discover what God's love looks like?





PERHAPS THE BIGGEST ISSUE ISN'T ACCEPTING GOD, IT'S ACCEPTING THAT GOD LOVES US.

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