

MARINERS CHURCH



Hey, Future Me: Be real

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Then the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." Genesis 3:9-10

How would you like to not have to hide anymore?

"Isn't it just like me to be _____".

HOW TO BECOME MORE AUTHENTIC

Begin to grasp God's love.

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 1 John 4:18

Become part of a community of grace.

You are a member of God's very own family and you belong in God's household with every other Christian. Ephesians 2:19

You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13

Accept you. God does.

O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. Psalm 139:1-4, 14-17

For your LifeGroup and growth time.

Read all of Psalm 139. What do you see here? What could have prompted David to write this?

Does God knowing everything (vss. 14-17) scare you or comfort you? Why?

How does vs. 17 ultimately bring strength to you?

Why do we sometimes hide from God and others?

Share an example of how God's love for you allowed you to be more open and honest with others.

How would "future you" be better if you could stop hiding?

Pray together and support each other!

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