

**WHY GOD SHAPED YOU THE WAY HE DID**  
**Shaped to Make a Difference**  
**Parts 1-3**

*“God shaped man from the soil of the ground and blew the breath of life into his nostrils, and man became a living being.” Genesis 2:7 (NJB)*

*“You made my whole being; You formed me in my mother's body. I praise You because You made me in an amazing and wonderful way. You saw my bones being formed as I took shape in my mother's body. When I was put together there, You saw my body as it was formed. All the days planned for me were written in Your book before I was one day old.” Psalm 139:13-16 (NCV)*

*“Your hands formed and shaped me.” Job 10:8 (GN)*

**I. WHAT IS MY “SHAPE”?**

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

HEART

ABILITIES

PERSONALITY

EXPERIENCES

My shape is . . . unique . . . inter-related . . . fixed . . . irrepressible

**II. WHY SHOULD I CARE?**

**1. BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you: A spokesman to the nations—that’s what I had in mind for you.” Jeremiah 1:5 (The Message)*

**2. BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_**

*“[God] formed me in my mother's womb to be his servant, and [he] commissioned me.” Isaiah 49:5 (NLT)*

**3. BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_**

*“From where he sits God overlooks all of us on earth. He has shaped each person in turn; now he watches everything we do.” Psalm 33:14-15 (The Message)*

**4. BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Bring me all the people who are mine, whom I made for my glory, those I formed and created.” Isaiah 43:7 (NCV)*

*“The people I have shaped for myself will broadcast my praises.” Isaiah 43:21 (NJB)*

**III. HOW SHOULD I RESPOND?**

**1. ACCEPTANCE: \_\_\_\_\_**

*“My friend, I ask, ‘Who do you think you are to question God? Does the clay have the right to ask the potter why he shaped it the way he did?’” Romans 9:20 (CEV)*

*“You guided my conception and formed me in the womb.” Job 10:10 (NLT)*

**2. SALVATION: \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Let your love, God, shape my life with salvation, exactly as you promise.” Psalm 119:41 (The Message)*

**3. REFOCUS: \_\_\_\_\_**

*“The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)*

*“By the grace of God I am what I am.” 1 Corinthians 15:10 (NLT)*