

## WHY GOD SHAPED YOU THE WAY HE DID

Shaped to Make a Difference  
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“God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils, and the man became a living being.” Genesis 2:7 (NLT)

“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 (GNT)

### WHAT IS MY “SHAPE”?

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### 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 prophet to the nations—that’s what I had in mind for you.” Jeremiah 1:5 (MSG)

**2. BECAUSE** \_\_\_\_\_  
“(God) formed me in my mother’s womb to be his servant, who commissioned me.” Isaiah 49:5 (NLT)

**3. BECAUSE** \_\_\_\_\_  
“From where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.”  
Psalm 33:14-15 (ESV)

**4. BECAUSE** \_\_\_\_\_  
“Bring to me all the people who are mine, whom I made for my glory, whom I formed and made.” Isaiah 43:7 (NCV)  
“The people I formed for myself.” Isaiah 43:21 (NIV)

### 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 (MSG)

**3. REFOCUS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
“The Lord does not look at the things people looks at. People look 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 (NIV)

### Next Steps

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