

# **S.H.A.P.E. Up!**

## **WHY GOD S.H.A.P.E.D YOU THE WAY HE DID**

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*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 10:8a (GN)*

### **I. WHAT IS MY "SHAPE"?**

**S** \_\_\_\_\_

**H** \_\_\_\_\_

**A** \_\_\_\_\_

**P** \_\_\_\_\_

**E** \_\_\_\_\_

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

### **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 (Mes)*

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 (Mes)*

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 (Mes)*

**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)*

### **My Next Step Today is...**

- Memorize 1 Samuel 16:7
- Plan to attend C.L.A.S.S. 101 or 301 – Jan 14<sup>th</sup>
- Develop my S.H.A.P.E. through Prayer – Week of Prayer Jan 7<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>
- Develop my S.H.A.P.E. through Personal Devotions – Register for Spiritual Renewal Weekend January 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> TODAY!