



REFLECTIONS

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**I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made**

Psalms 139:14

Wonderfully Made

McNair stood before the crowd and delivered his message in his own unique way. He had delivered the message many times before. He had a passion for it. *“Your name is in God’s to do list,”* he said, *“and across from your name is the name of the person in charge of doing your part of God’s list; and the person in charge of doing your part of God’s to do list is sitting in your chair right now.”* Then his voice lowered without a breath, *“If you don’t do you, you doesn’t get done and God’s to do list is incomplete!”*

McNair is a personality who stands out as fearfully and wonderfully made. There are others born with creative minds like his, who allow no boundaries to limit their realm of possibility like he does; but there is no other whose being is exactly like he is. And he knows it. God made each of us to be uniquely who we are. That is McNair’s message.

Like Adam and Eve, most of us yearn to become more than God made us to be. The challenges we face may not come from a serpent, but by some means Satan finds his way into our lives and convinces us that we can be different than God made us. Experience teaches us to fear the judgment of other people, and vanity seeks to hide the truth of who we really are. These and other forces guide us away from the way God made us and send us in pursuits that are not in God’s to do list for our lives.

Many are those who choose careers that ignore their talents so their gifts go largely untapped. Our talents might go untapped too if we fear what someone else might think, yield to the wishes of an authority figure in life, or succumb to the glitter of dreams that don’t align with the giftedness God gave us.

We can’t be *different* than God made us to be, but we can become *all* He made us to be. We become ourselves by using the gifts God gave us, however meager and insufficient they sometimes seem to be. The psalmist reminds us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. God gave us gifts and He calls us to use them. With the dawn of each new day comes the opportunity to blossom in the world by being just the way God uniquely made us to be.

McNair stood before the crowd and delivered his message in his own creative and boundless way. He had delivered the message many times before. He had a passion for it. McNair’s message flourished in the imaginations of those who heard it. By being who God made him to be, he glorified God.

God’s beauty blooms in the world when you simply do you. When you do you, you answer God’s calling. When you do you, you reveal the glory of God.

You are the light of the world,

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