



My frame was not hidden from You when I was  
made in the secret place. When I was woven  
together in the depths of the earth, Your eyes  
saw my unformed body.

All the days ordained for me were written in  
Your book before one of them came to be.

Psalm 139:15–16

## **DEVOTION:**

### *Acceptance*

There is a beautiful story about a boy who wanted a dog. He went to see puppies for sale and from the doghouse came four little balls of fur. Right at the back another little ball appeared, trying to keep up with the others. The boy immediately asked for that one.

The owner said, "You don't want that one. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other puppies would." Pulling up the trousers on his one leg, the boy revealed a steel brace attached to a shoe. He replied, "You see, sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands." Rejection can cause a lot of pain.

When people do not "fit in" we have no room for them.

In one way, we are all exactly the same. We are people of God. God did not create rubbish. If we accept this about ourselves, we have the choice to accept this about others as well. Nobody should ever say, "I wish they would only take me as I am"- especially not in the church of Jesus Christ.