

THE DARK SIDE



Lord, you have examined me. You know all about me. You know when I sit down and when I get up. You know my thoughts before I think them.

PSALM 139:1-2 ICB

THE DARK SIDE. (IT sounds even cooler if you read it in Darth Vader's voice!) But I'm not talking about movies here. I'm talking about the Moon. The dark side of the Moon is the side we can't see from Earth. But in 1968, Frank Borman, Jim Lovell, and Bill Anders were cruising along in their Apollo 8 spacecraft when they became the first people

to ever see the dark side of the Moon with their own eyes.

It isn't really the "dark" side, though. It's more like the "far" side. You see, the Moon rotates and has days and nights just like Earth. But because it rotates at the same rate that it circles around the Earth, we see only one side of it. Confusing? Let me explain. Imagine a friend is standing still while you run in a circle around them. As you run, you turn so that you're always facing them. They never see your back. That's what happens with the Moon and Earth.

Like the Moon, a lot of us keep part of ourselves hidden from the world. Usually it's the part that makes us unique. And usually it's because we're worried about what others will think. We're afraid they'll laugh at our love of painting or that they'll make fun of just how many space facts we know. But so what if they do? God made us to be unique. Don't hide those parts away. Use them to tell the world how awesome our God is!

GOD, HELP ME TO SEE THE UNIQUE PARTS OF ME AS GOOD AND WONDERFUL. AND HELP ME TO SEE THAT OTHERS ARE UNIQUE IN WONDERFUL WAYS TOO. AMEN.



GET READY TO MARVEL!

Let's face it. We're all a little weird, and that's okay. God made each of us unique (Psalm 139:13-14). Spend some time today doing that "weird" thing you love. Jump on your skateboard. Dive into a book. Grab your paints. Play your trombone. Do the splits. Head out for a hike. Stare up at the stars. Dare to be wonderful, marvelous you!