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Created, Loved, Known

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-18

The television show *Making It* is slated to continue its third season on NBC. The show is a reality competition program hosted by comedians Amy Poehler and Nick Offerman. The premise of *Making It* is this: “Eight of the most talented makers from across the country will take on a variety of handmade projects with the hopes of impressing Poehler, Offerman, and our expert judges.”¹ Artists, builders, stitchers, painters, and other crafters compete each week on DIY projects. Their talent is on full display with beautifully made—and sometimes hilarious—results.

The participants on the show have often spent years honing their crafts, perfecting their skills, and becoming “master crafters.” As someone who can barely operate a glue gun, I am in awe of what the artisans on the show are able to create with limited supplies and a tight deadline. One of my favorite parts of the show is when artists are challenged to create something new and exciting from something mundane: turn a grocery store cake into a dreamy confection; create Halloween costumes from common household items. Take the ordinary, and make it extraordinary.

This is what God the Creator has done with us on a magnificent scale. God has taken “dust” and made each one of us a special and marvelous creation. The student book author writes, “Pondering the complexity of the creation with its biodiversity and interdependence, added to the intricacy of the human body, can create in us a sense of awe of what God can do.”² God is the master crafter of all of creation. That is a feat worthy of worship. “You are the one who created my innermost parts; you knit me together while I was still in my mother’s womb. I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart. Your works are wonderful—I know that very well” (Psalm 139:13-14).

1. How might being an artist or a crafter bring you closer to God?
2. What parts of God’s creation are worthy of praise for you this week? Why?
3. God knows every cell in your body. How does that intimacy make you feel?

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¹From nbc.com/making-it.

²From *Adult Bible Studies*, Fall 2020, by Chuck Aaron (Cokesbury, 2020); page 133.