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My Best Work

As I lie back on the grass and look up at the night sky, I am overwhelmed by the vastness of your creation. Some of what I am seeing took hundreds maybe even thousands of light years to reach me. My head feels like it is going to spin as I consider the enormity and beauty of the work of your hands. It's so amazing my mind cannot begin to comprehend all that you have made. It's quite a gift to sit here and gaze at. Forgive me for all the times that I have taken the beauty of your creation for granted. I am thankful that you are such an artist.

You don't have to look very far to see some of my best work. How far would I have to look? **Do you have a mirror?** Me, you've got to be kidding. **No, I'm not kidding.** Mankind is the pinnacle of all my creation. **You are more worthy to be looked at in wonder than anything else that you will ever see in the night sky.** Now there's a thought, to think in wonder, being looked at as something more spectacular than all the stars in the sky. **You're having a hard time taking that thought in aren't you?**

Yes, when I consider the universe and the works of your hands I feel very small and insignificant. I imagine that I'm less than a speck of sand in the scale of your creation. **Do you think maybe you're not worth even noticing?** Yes, I've thought that. **Do you think that I might think about you just in passing, now and then? What would you think if I told you that you were on my mind all the time?** I'd be speechless. **My thoughts about you out number all the grains of sands on all the seashores. They can never be counted.** Now that is really causing my head to spin. I need to hold on to something to stabilize myself. **I thought you might. You can hold on to me because not only do I think about you all the time, I also care about all the intimate details of your life. I have my eyes on you. You are never out of my sight.**

I thought it was a big deal to consider the beauty and vastness of your creation. **Yes, it is.** But, knowing that you, the creator of the entire universe, think and care about me just blows me away. I am a mess. I'm undone. Tears of joy fill my eyes. My heart aches to know that I am loved and accepted by you. My lips are filled with thanks and praise. My mind is caught up in wonder. My body has gone limp as I fall to my knees. You are my Father and my God. All glory and honor belongs to you. My life is in your hands. It will be my joy to do your will and to walk in your ways.

About that? Yes? I created you for a purpose. I have a plan for your life. I have work that I want you to do for me. I have made and designed you to bear fruit for my glory. Are you ready to begin? Yes Father, I am. Guide me to the work that you have given me to do for you.

Heavenly Father, the beauty of your creation is all around me. Often in the busyness of life I forget to take notice and take for granted all you have made. Thank you for the gift of your creation. Help me to take care of my part of it. Amen

God The Father *When I Consider*

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:

NIV Psalm 8:3-6

God The Father *When I Look*

When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers— the moon and the stars you set in place— what are people that you should think about them, mere mortals that you should care for them? Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority—

NLT Psalm 8:3-6

God The Father *When I Look*

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

NRSV Psalm 8:3-6

God The Father *When I View*

When I view and consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained and established, What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him? Yet You have made him but a little lower than God [or heavenly beings], and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet:

AMP Psalm 8:3-6

God The Father *When I Consider*

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty! You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

NASB Psalm 8:3-6

God The Father *When I Look*

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

ESV Psalm 8:3-6

God The Father *When I Consider*

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

NKJV Psalm 8:3-6

God The Father *When I Look*

I look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous, your handmade sky-jewelry, Moon and stars mounted in their settings. Then I look at my micro-self and wonder, Why do you bother with us? Why take a second look our way? Yet we've so narrowly missed being gods, bright with Eden's dawn light. You put us in charge of your handcrafted world, repeated to us your Genesis-charge,

MSG Psalm 8:3-6

God The Father *When I Look*

When I look up into the night skies and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you have made—I cannot understand how you can bother with mere puny man, to pay any attention to him! And yet you have made him only a little lower than the angels and placed a crown of glory and honor upon his head. You have put him in charge of everything you made; everything is put under his authority:

TLB Psalm 8:3-6

God The Father *When I Look*

I look at your heavens, which you made with your fingers. I see the moon and stars, which you created. But why are people important to you? Why do you take care of human beings? You made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You put them in charge of everything you made. You put all things under their control:

NCV Psalm 8:3-6

When I Consider

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

God The Father – Psalm 8:3-6

In Context: *Read Psalm 8*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When do you take time to consider the beauty of the universe that your Heavenly Father has made?

What does the beauty and expansiveness of the universe tell you about your Heavenly Father?

When you consider the vastness of the universe what impact does that have on your feelings of significance?

Why is it a huge mistake to let anything cause you to think that you are insignificant to your Heavenly Father?

How is the beauty of all that your Heavenly Father has created been like a gift for you to enjoy?

Who has your Heavenly Father placed in charge of taking care of all that He has created?

What from your Heavenly Father's creation would you like to thank and praise Him for making?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Take time to consider all your Heavenly Father has created so that you can give thanks and praise to Him for His work.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that your Heavenly Father made the universe as a gift to enjoy and give thanks to Him for His creation.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group what from nature you are thankful that your Heavenly Father created.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

When I Consider

Psalm 8

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you consider the beauty of God's creation and give thanks to Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I give thanks to you for the beauty of your creation.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I give thanks to you today for the beauty of your creation?
