

## “Great Is Your Love” - The story behind the song

We hear a lot of talk about “love”, and the crazy thing is that most people use the word so carelessly. Over the past few years, I have learned a lot about love. Being married to the most wonderful woman in the entire world, I see how much she loves me, and it has given me a new perspective on how much God loves us! It’s hard to believe that anyone could love me more than Alis does, but God loves me infinitely more. This song actually was written the year after we got married, when I was studying Psalm 139. In case you’re not familiar with this passage, it says:

“O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 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. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.” - Psalm 139:1-18 (NIV)

As I was reading this passage, I began realize that if God thinks about me more than the number of grains of sand, then He must love me a lot! It struck me that the creator of the entire universe would love me that much. And if that isn’t amazing enough, John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” That sure makes me think before I use the word “love.” I hope this song is a great reminder of God’s love for you today.

- Matt