Wednesday Devotional 01/08/2025

Scripture: John 1: 48

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Jesus sees you – the real you. If you've ever felt that people don't truly understand who you are or what's in your heart, then know for certain there's One who does.

This may be surprising to you. It certainly was to Nathanael. John 1:47 reports Jesus saw Nathanael and said, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" This was astounding to Nathanael because Jesus saw him under the fig tree. We are never told what Nathanael was doing there, but apparently, he was having a holy moment – one only observed by heaven. We know this because of Nathanael's response: "You are the Son of God" (v. 49). Nathanael recognized that Jesus saw his inmost being – his heart laid bare.

Jesus sees your inmost being as well. Regardless of how others treat you, you never have to feel unloved, unrecognized, or even invisible because your Savior sees you – your past, present, and future. Jesus knows your hopes, thoughts, fears, struggles, and wounds. And He loves you deeply. So trust that you matter to Him and that He leads you in the best way forward.

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