

## *Your first nine months of life...*

It was an amazing time! You were developing and maturing at a phenomenal rate and you were already starting to become who you are now. It was also a critical time in your life that still affects you. Your vitamin intake then, any exposure to toxins like smoke can have an impact on the person you are now.

Of course, that doesn't surprise God. He was already at work making you into the very special person that you are today. 'You created the deepest parts of my being. You put me together inside my mother's body.' (Psalm 139:13)

And His loving care extends to all, even those unborn babies who are still growing so phenomenally. "Didn't the same God form us inside our mothers?" (Job 31:15)

The great thing about God is that He never stops loving us, even when we are old. 'I will take good care of you even when your hair is grey. I have made you...I will look after you...I am the LORD.' (Isaiah 46:4)

But there is something else wonderful about God's love for us. Just as he cared about each of us when we were growing inside our mother's body before we were born, He will still love us after we die. He will never leave us alone. That is why the Lord Jesus says to all who really trust Him, 'You can be sure that I am always with you.' (Matthew 28:20)

Then what is the bottom line for us? It could be seeing life from a different slant, knowing that God values each individual at every stage of their being. Seeing life in all its sanctity means that we too will value everyone from the unborn baby to the most elderly person – and do our best to ensure their basic human rights. ♦



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