Everywhere that man can be

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Thou God art present there!
Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.
If I take the wings of the dawn,
If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
Even there Your hand will lead me,
And Your right hand will lay hold of me.
My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;
Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;
And in Your book were all written
The days that were ordained for me,
When as yet there was not one of them.
—Psalm 139:7-10, 15-16

ISAAC WATTS wouldn’t have imagined space travel as we know it, or deep-sea diving, when he wrote his famous hymn, *I Sing the Mighty Pow’r of God* in 1715. Rockets and submarines were unknown at the time, but he could have known explorers who’d climbed tall mountains, sailed to remote islands, and trekked through harsh deserts.

King David nevertheless seemed able to imagine what is depicted on our cover when he wrote Psalm 139. Yes, everywhere man goes God is there. There’s no way to escape His presence. This can be both terrifying and comforting. God is with us in times of trial and celebration. Nothing is hidden from Him. No barrier or obstacle can limit or contain Him.

Each Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, we’re reminded He sees our frame from the moment we’re conceived. As His image-bearers, we’re His stewards, His agents in the world. Being tethered to life support via scuba gear, a spacesuit, or an umbilical cord does not render us any less human.

In Christ, we carry His Spirit with us wherever we go. In fact, we’re fully alive because He lives in us! When we uphold the sanctity of human life, we conform more fully to His image.