

CUSTOM MADE

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You are custom made. Psalms 139 tells us that God knit you together in your mother's womb and scheduled each day of your life. God knew just how He wanted you to look. How tall or how short, how slim or how stocky, the size and shape of your nose, the color of your hair, eyes, and skin were all custom designed by God and fit His plan for your life.

Do you ever look in the mirror and think God made a mistake? John did. He was much too short, only 5'2" tall with dark hair and eyes, and olive skin. John's sister was 5'8" tall, blond, and very athletic. It's not that John didn't like sports, but you didn't get picked for the football and basketball team when you were a slim 5'2" tall. So John became a champion, even winning trophies, in a non-school sport - ping pong!

There were other problems. Very few girls were shorter than John, and most girls didn't want to date boys shorter than they were. At the time John was in high school, little boys clothes looked very different than today. John had to buy his clothes in the little boys department. He got razzed a lot in P.E. because his underwear had choo-choo trains and sail boats on them.

In college John met, fell in love with, and married 5' tall Marilyn. Together they dedicated their lives to the Lord, willing to do whatever He had planned for them. They were soon to learn how truly "custom made" they were.

In Bolivia, South America there was a tribe of Indians that missionaries had tried to tell about Jesus and His love for them. They wouldn't listen or have anything to do with these "giant" fair-haired missionaries.

You've got it! God sent John and Marilyn to Bolivia. When John, with his dark hair and eyes, and olive skin, dressed in the Indian clothes, he looked just like one of the Indians. It just so happened that the average height of the Indian men was 5'2" tall. Guess what the national sport was? Ping pong!

Many of those Indians gave their heart to the Lord when John told them about Jesus, all because John was custom made. Just like you!