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When you start to see your loved one's decline, it breaks your heart. When they can no longer do what they have done for most or all their life and now reduced to forgetting things it makes you wonder about God's plan.

Jeremiah 1:5 English Standard Version

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

While God was talking to Jeremiah, he known all of us from before we were in the womb. He knew if we would follow Him, and what our role in the kingdom would be. He knew this from the beginning of time. He knew us but never forced us.

John 17:24

New International Version (2011)Other versions

24"Father, I want those you have given me[a] to be with me where I am,[b] and to see my glory,[c] the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.[d]

From the beginning of the world. But this is not because he did not give us a choice, but because he knows our hearts. I describe it like our earthly fathers. They know what the children would do before it

was done. I have kids and if I come home from work and one of them stole a cookie from the cookie jar, I know which one did before they confessed. Not because I forced them but because I know their hearts. How much more does God know our hearts?

Psalm 139:23-24 New International Version

[23] Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
[24] See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

He loves me that much!

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