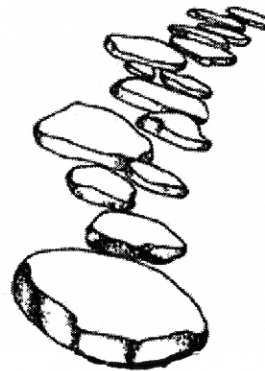


Psalm 139:17-18 “How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.”



When I think about the innumerable thoughts God has towards me, it makes me feel like skipping. I use this imagery to help me remember the chapter, 139. While skipping across the creek over stones built out of multiples of three (representing the Trinity), I start on the first stone along the path and skip to the 3rd stone. I stay away from the 6th stone (representing my flesh and the devil) and jump to the 9th, basking in the thought that He is thinking about me.

The verse talks about “counting them”. If you added 1+3+9, it equals 13. This verse begins at verse 17. Notice that 17 needs 13 added to it to equal the full power of the Trinity (10 representing power * 3 for the Trinity=30). So if you counted the numbers in the chapter along with the first verse number, it equals 30! But, the counting is not over....

If we attempt to count the sand or anything for that matter, we count one by one. Thus, the concept of counting is used to remember where the verse ends, verse 18. Just add one to verse 17, counting one by one. I can't help but think of the song, “Count your many blessings name them one by one”!

