

Last year, I published a two-part series about human/sex trafficking based on the documentary, Gridshock. This documentary is going to be shown on **Tuesday, Aug 20 at 7 PM at the Heritage Center here in Buffalo Center**. Hopefully you have not tuned me out by now because you remember what I wrote last year, or worse yet, human/sex trafficking does not interest you. I pray this does get your attention and that you make every effort to see this short film on August 20.

This, from Psalm 139...

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. (Psalm 139:13-16)

Those words are the words of God. Read those words again and let them sink in. Consider how precious life is to our God. Reflect on the fact that God intimately formed and created you. Know that you were created on purpose for a purpose. Though that you were born a sinner, through faith Jesus Christ God redeems you and makes you a new creation. Once enslaved to sin, you have been set free through the blood Jesus spilled on the cross when he died for you. But he did not stay dead, for he rose from the grave on the third day to give you the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Those words from Psalm 139 are important and reveal the heart of our creator God.

The documentary, Gridshock, disturbed me when I saw how many young girls and women (and even boys) are subjected to slavery. Yes, I used that word because it is what it is. Human/sex trafficking is slavery. Wonderfully and fearfully created children being sold and purchased as if a piece of inanimate chattel. I cannot imagine anyone being okay with this. I cannot fathom how anyone would not be disturbed about this. But I can imagine how some might be thinking, "*But what can I do?*". That is a fair question and so allow me to answer that question:

PLEASE TAKE THIS ARTICLE SERIOUSLY AND SEE THE DOCUMENTARY.

That is a beginning. Human/sex trafficking is prevalent in Iowa because people think it is not. But the more people are aware, the more we are able to fight back and save our children from slavery. Yes, this is important and disturbing. Yes, it is depressing and frustrating. Yes, it is overwhelming, but take heart, God has overcome this world and thus His children will never be forgotten. So be disturbed and thus pray, pray and pray some more for our children AND take this all very seriously. In Jesus' name, Amen.