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God was in charge of all your inherited genes, your appearance, your hair and eye color, your parents, your gender and your birthplace. You had no choice in any of these things; praise God, He made no mistakes!

Here is an amazing biology lesson which involves our reproductive system, showing how fearfully and wonderfully we are made by our Creator (*Psalm 139:14*). The wife provides the egg, usually just one egg, and the husband provides the sperm (seed), which are innumerable. On average, there are 100 million sperm competing for one egg; but it can even be as high as one billion or more. It is an amazing race to the egg, and when the first sperm gets there and enters the egg, the “gate” instantly closes, and no others are allowed in. That is, the surface of the egg changes, so that no other sperm can enter.

Consider your genetic makeup. If another sperm had entered that egg, you would have been a totally different person genetically, perhaps even a different gender. It could be likened to running in a race against 100 million or more other runners. If you had not won this race, then you would not be the person you are. The odds of ending up as the person you are could be compared to winning a lottery, that is, winning this “race” against insurmountable odds. Yet God is sovereign in it all, and you are exactly the person God intended you to be. It was not LUCK; it was the LORD! He does all things perfectly well!

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