

GENESIS 1:26-31

HUMAN BEING 101

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**“WORTHY ARE YOU,
OUR LORD AND GOD, TO
RECEIVE GLORY AND
HONOR AND POWER,
FOR YOU CREATED ALL
THINGS AND BY YOUR
WILL THEY EXISTED
AND WERE CREATED.”**

revelation 4:11

Genesis 1:28 God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” **29** And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. **30** And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. **31** And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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Romans 1:**18**For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. **19**For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. **20**For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

¹⁸ NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD;
THE ONLY GOD, WHO IS AT THE
FATHER'S SIDE, HE HAS MADE
HIM KNOWN.

John 1:18

IMAGE BEARER

- ▶ Through God's creation, Word and Son, we learn that God is an eternal, spiritual, emotional, personal, rational, reasonable, creative being...and so are we!

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LIKENESS BEARER

- ▶ We bear God's likeness in that we ought to resemble His moral character.
- ▶ It's this image and likeness we bear that gives us value.

Matthew 6:**25**“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? **26**Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

~~EX~~ "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion

"DESPITE OUR PREPARATION, INDEED, DESPITE OUR AGE, THE DEATH OF A PARENT DISLODGES THINGS DEEP IN US, SETS OFF REACTIONS THAT SURPRISE US AND THAT MAY CUT FREE MEMORIES AND FEELINGS THAT WE HAD THOUGHT GONE TO GROUND LONG AGO. WE MIGHT, IN THAT INDETERMINATE PERIOD CALLED MOURNING, BE IN A SUBMARINE, SILENT ON THE OCEAN'S BED, AWARE OF THE DEPTH CHARGES, NOW NEAR AND NOW FAR, BUFFETING US WITH RECOLLECTIONS."

9 WITH IT WE BLESS OUR LORD AND FATHER, AND WITH IT WE CURSE PEOPLE WHO ARE MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF GOD.

James 3:9

20 BUT THAT IS NOT THE WAY YOU LEARNED CHRIST!—
21 ASSUMING THAT YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT HIM AND
WERE TAUGHT IN HIM, AS THE TRUTH IS IN JESUS, **22** TO
PUT OFF YOUR OLD SELF, **F** WHICH BELONGS TO YOUR
FORMER MANNER OF LIFE AND IS CORRUPT THROUGH
DECEITFUL DESIRES, **23** AND TO BE RENEWED IN THE
SPIRIT OF YOUR MINDS, **24** AND TO PUT ON THE NEW
SELF, CREATED AFTER THE LIKENESS OF GOD IN TRUE
RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.

I DON'T BELIEVE PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR THE MEANING OF LIFE AS MUCH AS THEY ARE LOOKING FOR THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING ALIVE.

Joseph Campbell

TAKE AWAY QUESTIONS:

- ▶ Is God restoring His image in you? How would you know?
- ▶ Where do you find your value? In your performance or in your design as an image bearer of God?
- ▶ How is God restoring your family and your role in your family?
- ▶ How is God restoring your work?