



I. LET'S TELL THE <u>STORY</u> OF CREATION.

¹ IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. ² THE EARTH WAS FORMLESS AND EMPTY, AND DARKNESS COVERED THE DEEP WATERS. AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS HOVERING OVER THE SURFACE OF THE WATERS. **GENESIS 1:1-5 NLT**

³ Then God Said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day" and the darkness "Night."

AND EVENING PASSED AND MORNING CAME, MARKING THE FIRST DAY.

GENESIS 1:1-5 NLT

9 THEN GOD SAID, "LET THE WATERS BENEATH THE SKY FLOW TOGETHER INTO ONE PLACE, SO DRY GROUND MAY APPEAR." AND THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED. 10 GOD CALLED THE DRY GROUND "LAND" AND THE WATERS "SEAS." AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD. 11 THEN GOD SAID, "LET THE

GENESIS 1:9-13 NLT

LAND SPROUT WITH VEGETATION—EVERY SORT OF SEED—BEARING PLANT, AND TREES THAT GROW SEED—BEARING FRUIT. THESE SEEDS WILL THEN PRODUCE THE KINDS OF PLANTS AND TREES FROM WHICH THEY CAME." AND THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED.

GENESIS 1:9-13 NLT

12 THE LAND PRODUCED VEGETATION-ALL SORTS OF SEED-BEARING PLANTS, AND TREES WITH SEED-BEARING FRUIT. THEIR SEEDS PRODUCED PLANTS AND TREES OF THE SAME KIND. AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD. ¹³ AND EVENING PASSED AND MORNING CAME, MARKING THE THIRD DAY.

GENESIS 1:9-13 NLT

26 THEN GOD SAID, "LET US MAKE HUMAN BEINGS IN OUR IMAGE, TO BE LIKE US. THEY WILL REIGN OVER THE FISH IN THE SEA, THE BIRDS IN THE SKY, THE LIVESTOCK, ALL THE WILD ANIMALS ON THE EARTH, AND THE SMALL ANIMALS THAT SCURRY ALONG THE GROUND."

²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

³¹ Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

¹ SO THE CREATION OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH AND EVERYTHING IN THEM WAS COMPLETED. 2 ON THE SEVENTH DAY GOD HAD FINISHED HIS WORK OF CREATION, SO HE RESTED FROM ALL HIS WORK. 3 AND GOD BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY AND DECLARED IT HOLY, BECAUSE IT WAS THE DAY WHEN HE RESTED FROM ALL HIS WORK OF CREATION. 4 THIS IS THE ACCOUNT OF THE CREATION OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.

GENESIS 2:1-4 NLT

REMEMBER...GOD CREATED IT SO GOD GETS TO CALL IT.

II. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE CREATION **STORY ABOUT** OUR DIVINE **PURPOSE?**

WE ARE CREATED TO CREATE AND NOT DESTROY.

"BE FRUITFUL" GENESIS 1:28 NLT

"THEN GOD SAID ... "

GENESIS 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28, 29

THE TONGUE HAS THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH, AND THOSE WHO LOVE IT WILL EAT ITS FRUIT.

PROVERBS 18:21 NIV

For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. JAMES 3:28 NLT

⁷ People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ Sometimes it praises our Lord and

JAMES 3:7-10 NLT

Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. ¹⁰ And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!

JAMES 3:7-10 NLT

²⁸ THEN GOD BLESSED THEM AND SAID, "BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY."

GENESIS 1:28 NLT

12 THE LAND PRODUCED VEGETATION-ALL SORTS OF SEED-BEARING PLANTS, AND TREES WITH SEED-BEARING FRUIT. THEIR SEEDS PRODUCED PLANTS AND TREES OF THE SAME KIND. AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD.

GENESIS 1:12 NLT

²⁴ But the word of God Increased and multiplied.

ACTS 12:24 ESV

¹³ For example, there was God's promise to Abraham. Since there was no one greater to swear by, God took an oath in his own name, saying:

HEBREWS 6:13-14 NLT

¹⁴ "I will certainly bless you, and I will multiply your descendants beyond number."

HEBREWS 6:13-14 NLT

WE ARE CREATED TO <u>REST</u> IN WHAT HAS BEEN CREATED AND MULTIPLIED.

² On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work.

GENESIS 2:2 NLT

WE ARE CREATED TO **REST** IN WHAT HAS BEEN CREATED AND MULTIPLIED.

²⁸ Then Jesus Said, "Come to Me, all of You who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

MATTHEW 28:11 NLT