

01-29-23. *Human: Falling forward in faith* - Tim Wolfe

## **Review from Week 1**

Foundational Statement #1

Humanity is made in [the image](#) & after [the likeness of God](#)

Genesis 1

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Foundational Statement #2

Humanity is [born into sin](#), there’s [evil within us](#).

Genesis 3

<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. - John 8:34

*Sin offers itself as an option, but it takes over as a master*  
-Ray Ortuland

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*As we journey through this 12 week sermon series on being human: Adam to Jesus. We continue to see the sin of man on center stage. We see shame, suspicion, separation, manipulation and blame. The Book of Genesis is the family photos you do not pull out.*

The Book of Genesis is littered with these moments, glimpses, snap shots of God’s greatness, consistency, character, mercy and Great Love.

Pastor Skip Heitzig - says in Genesis, “we see the bloodline that runs from Eden to Eternity. Not just a biological thread but a scarlet thread of redemption.” From Abraham to Jesus (but Adam to Jesus)

## Genesis 22

“After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8 Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. 9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.” 15 And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven<sup>16</sup> and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” 19 So

Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

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*Abraham's journey to Mount Moriah would prove to be the most challenging and heart wrenching experience of his life.*

*Isaac's name means laughter.*

*Abram's name means Exalted Father*

*Abraham - Father of a Multitude (he has two children one departed and one about to be sacrificed - Sara was 90 and Abraham is 100 when Isaac is born, they have waited 25 years since the promise of God)*

*Two dangerous spaces to try to live in if you're a follower of Jesus.*

- 1. Where you provide the provision for God's calling on your life.*
- 2. Think of what God provides for you as something you have to guard, keep, or protect.*

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*God's tests require immediate steps of obedience and preparation.*

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*Abraham's faith in God would be transformed, clarified, and enhanced by the command to sacrifice his one and only son.*

## Hebrews 11

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18 of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

## John 8

“56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” 57 So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

## James 2

“18 But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! 20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. James 20 - Abraham perfected by works.”

## Hebrews 11

12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

## **Formation & Application:**

“Through sabbath we are reminded that we are humans bursting with dignity & design, born into sin and slavery, with needs & limitations. Through sabbath we are reminded that God meets us in the beauty & mess of our lives. He provides freedom and renewal, through His grace & love not our work or worth.” *Pastor Muche*

## Genesis 21

34 And Abraham sojourned many days in the land of the Philistines.