

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.

²⁸ And 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”...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.
Genesis 1:26-31

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Foundational Statement #1

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

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

As [God’s sovereign emblem](#), we carry dignity & design in the entirety of who we are—our very bodies, our very beings

⁶ The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, *a God merciful and gracious*, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”
Exodus 34:6-7

There is a [sacredness](#), [beauty](#), & [integrity](#) to our bodies expressed is the male-female binary

Or do you not know that *your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit* within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God *in your body*.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

And let them have *dominion*

¹⁶ *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.

Psalms 139:13-16

In the formation of our sense of self, let **God's words & ways** be the foundation

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock

Matthew 7:24

God's words & ways establish **the foundation for human flourishing**.

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."

"Be fruitful and multiply and *fill the earth and subdue it*

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to *work it and keep it*.

Genesis 2:15

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.² And on the seventh day God finished *his work* that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all *his work* that he had done.

Genesis 2:1-2

Work as **imaging God**

"It is creative & assertive. It is rearranging the raw material of God's creation in such a way that it helps the world in general, and people in particular, thrive and flourish"

-Timothy Keller. Every Good Endeavor

Work as **cultivation**

fill the earth and subdue it

Work as **service**

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit *for the common good*.

1 Corinthians 6:7

Work as **worship**

Whatever you do, *work heartily, as for the Lord* and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. *You are serving the Lord Christ*.

Colossians 3:23-24

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and ***make disciples*** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

The work God gives people to do is ‘**culture & disciple-making**’

Reimagine our work as **God’s assignment to us** that we may serve others

‘A sense of **destiny**’

Peace with God

Functional Relationships

Significant Purpose

Foundational Statement #2

Humanity is **born into sin**, there’s **evil within us**.

⁶ 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. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ 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

Peace with God is broken in its place is shame, suspicion, separation, manipulation, & blame

Functional relationships are now dysfunctional, in its place is shame, suspicion, separation, manipulation & blame

Purpose is distorted, we’ve turned inward. We repurpose what God has given freely for good to fulfill our own ambitions secretly trying to prove our worth God, ourselves, and others

The promise on the table:

A life **renewed** by grace

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

Genesis 3:15

Victory & renewal

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.²¹ And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.
Genesis 3:20-21

Repentance is **trusting & turning**

Example: JFK

- A. Ask not what your country can (asking)
- B. do for you (action)
- X. But
- A. Ask what you can (asking)
- B. do for your country (action)

Example: Matthew 6:24

- A. No one can serve two masters; *(The inability to serve two masters)*
- B. for either he will hate the one *(hatred for one master)*
- C. and love the other, *(love for one master)*
- C. or he will be devoted to one *(love for one master)*
- B. and despise the other *(hatred for one master)*
- A. You cannot serve God and money *(The inability to serve two masters)*

Example: Joshua 1:5-9

- A. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. *(God's promise of presence)*
- B. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. Be strong and very courageous. *(The call to strength and courage)*
- C. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. *(The call and connection between faithfulness and fruitfulness)*
- D. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; (meditate on God's word)**
- D. Meditate on it day and night, (meditate on God's word)**
- C. So that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. *(The call and connection between faithfulness and fruitfulness)*
- B. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, *(The call to strength and courage)*
- A. For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. *(God's promise of presence)*

If reading the bible is boring two things are true at the same time. The first is you're human. The second is **you're probably not doing it right.**

- A. Genesis 1:3-5. Day 1
- B. Genesis 1:6-8. Day 2

- C. Genesis 1:9-13. Day 3
- A. Genesis 1:14-19. Day 4
- B. Genesis 1:20-23. Day 5
- C. Genesis 1:24-31. Day 6

³*So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy*, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Genesis 2:3a

Sabbath as **formation**

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.

Create **a rule of life**