

## Your Story of Origin

### 1. READ

#### **Scripture: John 20:19-23 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace *be* with you.” <sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they

#### **Scripture: Luke 12:32 New King James Version (NKJV)**

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to **give you the kingdom**  
Well how does God give us the kingdom, the gift of his son.

#### **Scripture: James 1:5 New King James Version (NKJV)**

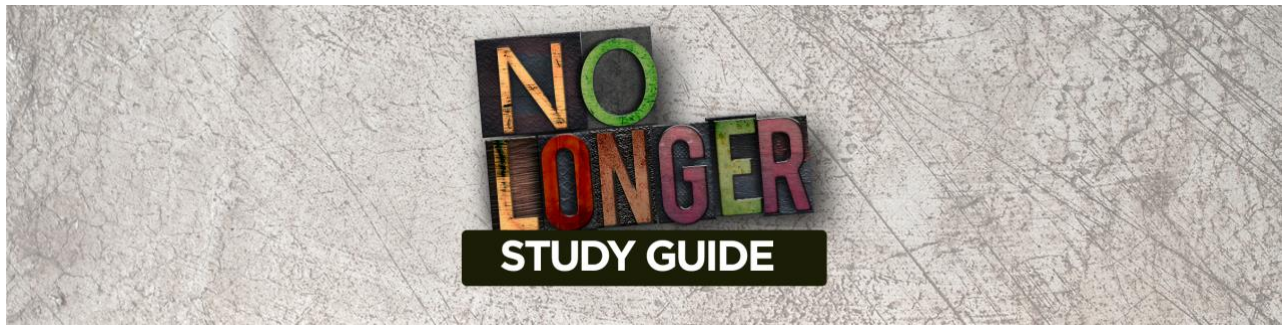
<sup>1</sup> But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

#### **Scripture: Matthew 7: 11 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

#### **Scripture: James 1: 17 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.



**Scripture: Romans 8:23 New King James Version (NKJV)**

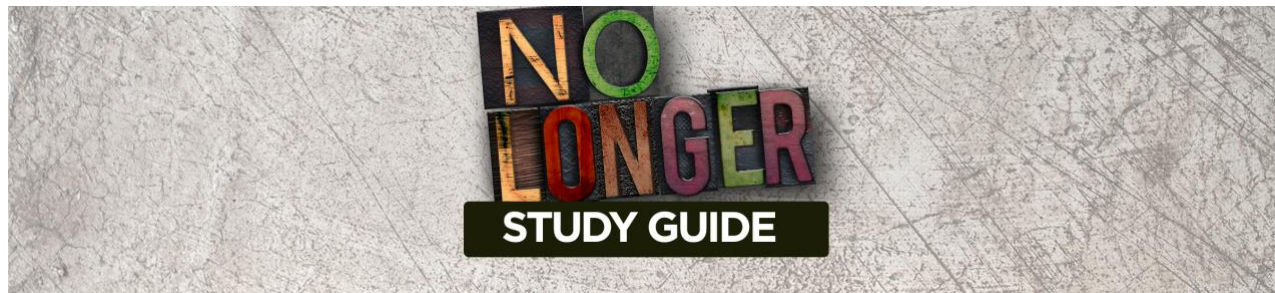
<sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

**Scripture: Matthew 7:7 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup>“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

**Scripture: John 14: 27 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.



**Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Read through the scriptures above.**

## **2. REFLECT**

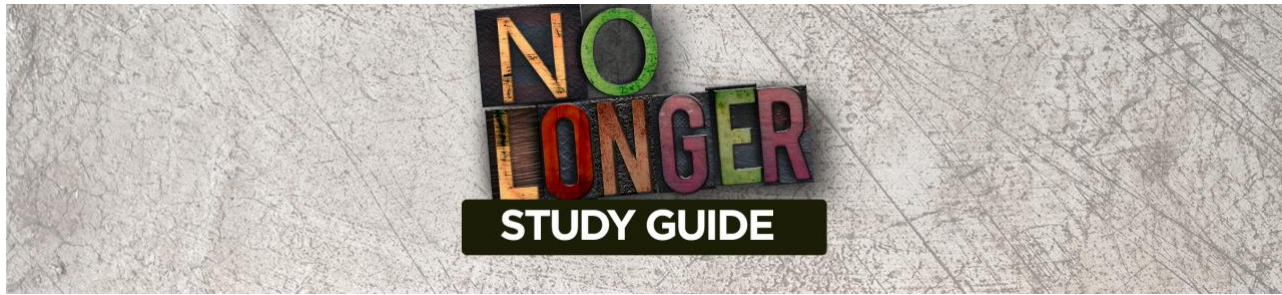
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This week Pastor Watley continues his sermon series “No Longer.” This series is designed to encourage us to trust God with the “no longer” moments of our lives. God will always show up in our lives even when it seems like we’re alone because we are never alone. God will never leave us nor forsake us because we are now “no longer” the person we were in the past. For this week, Pastor Watley’s sermon title is “Your Story of Origin.” Pastor reminds us of the last few weeks and the movie characters he has used throughout the sermons. Each character has a point or location of origin that makes them stand out as a character. Pastor Watley encourages us to know that we also have an origin story. We have something that makes us stand out and different. Here are four questions that Pastor asked us during the sermon:

- What is your story of origin?
- What is your super power?
- What is your kryptonite?
- What is your secret weapon?



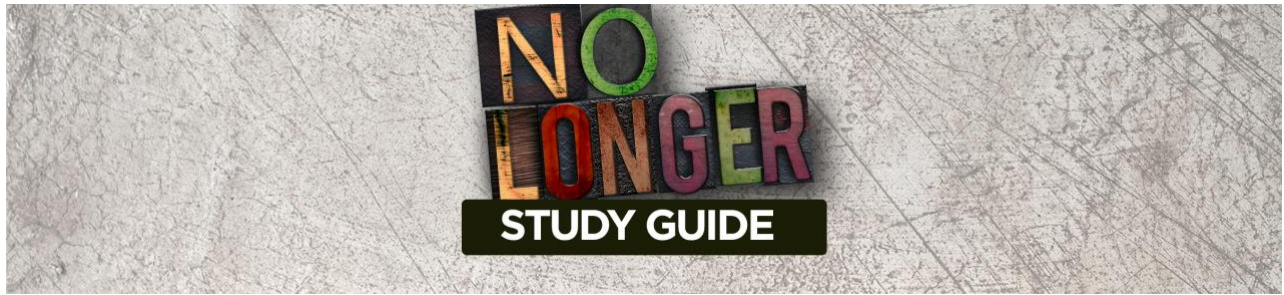


Answering these questions will help us understand what God has intended for our story of origin. Pastor Watley walks us through the answers for each question with scriptures to support it in the sermon. Pastor shares that a primary key is our understanding of salvation. He says, “Salvation in Jesus brings the relationship with the father and the indwelling of the holy spirit.” The holy spirit is essential but only comes once we say yes to Jesus Christ. At that moment, the holy spirit then begins to work in our lives. This was part of the plan that Jesus had for us as Pastor reminds us of the things that Jesus did for the disciples. Here is the list.

- Jesus Blesses Them
- Jesus Sends Them
- Jesus Imparts to Them

Jesus does the 4th thing. Jesus empowers them to forgive and to go. Pastor tells us that God is the giver, and what God has given is the power and the authority to do the good works of the Father. Pastor tells us that God gives us Power the Dunamis and the Authority the Exousia through God’s holy spirit. Pastor then walks through those scriptures listed above. We are encouraged to know that we have the holy spirit and the power that comes with it. Pastor quotes John Piper to help us with our doubt in the holy spirit. Piper says, “When Jesus breathed on them, he said, receive the holy spirit, not conceive the holy spirit.” Pastor says again that we can have something and not know what we have. The disciples had the holy spirit, but they didn’t know what they had nor how to use it. We have to trust and know that God, through His Son, has given us His spirit so that we can do the great things we have read about and we have heard about. We do this through work on our side, knowing our spiritual gifts, using the SHAPE method. Understanding our spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, and experience, here is a link to a [free S.H.A.P.E. test Click here](#). As you learn your spiritual gifts, it will help you know your vital areas and your weak spots, your kryptonite. Pastor Watley reminds us that you have to know it to make sure that it doesn’t over take you. However, you also need to know your kryptonite to know when to fully call on your secret weapon: the holy spirit and God’s Word. With the holy spirit and God’s Word plus God’s Church, we can defeat anything, and we have already won, as Pastor Watley shared with us last week.

Watch the sermon again and share it with some friends, as well as answer the questions below.



### 3. RESPOND

#### **Introspective Questions**

- ï What is your story of origin?
- ï What is your super power?
- ï What is your kryptonite?
- ï What is your secret weapon?

#### **Discussion Questions**

- ï What kind of peace do you think the disciples believed Jesus was speaking of in this scripture?
- ï Why is the forgiving of sins so important for us as Christians?