

Restoration – Part 3: God’s Original Plan

I.What does God want to restore? Does it matter? YES!

God’s purpose for our lives.

God’s calling on our lives.

God’s plan for our lives.

God’s will for our lives.

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV) tells of God’s original plan for all human kind.

*“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.**”*

These scriptures tell us three things that God creatively and willingly set a plan in motion:

1. **Image bearers of the Trinity** – God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled (freedom and confidence to enjoy God’s presence) face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2. **Male and Female Unity – design for the family**

Genesis 2:24

Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

- Marriage -ezer- helper fit for him/a strength corresponding to him, discern what he can’t, protect what matters, strengthen where he falls short, stand shoulder to shoulder not behind, equal
- Family- together doing ministry / (*Wheel spokes with labels - Jesus is the center*)
- American/Western Church erroneous ideology of family unit - False ideology – transgenderism, homosexuality, pedophile
- Remember, God can handle your tough questions. Some may have answers and others may not. We need to stop looking for answers on social media, the news and every demonic influence that is trying to pervert God’s plan of restoration!
 - ICE – Immigration – Minneapolis - Praying
 - Islamic Religion
 - Politics
 - Propaganda to come against God and Christianity (ex. Billboards that say Jesus is not God, but you have a man correcting the billboard.)

*All these things are distractions to keep us from the main thing – JESUS restoring humanity!!!

3. Blessed them (provision, protection and purpose)

- Health- body care – how could they multiply if they weren't healthy to do it.
- Finances -putting God first -conduits
- **Matthew 27:57-61**
Joseph or Arimathea – Kingdom entrepreneur – wealthy, influential, and respected. He used his wealth for a purpose greater than personal gain. He gave up a paid-off tomb, carved, highly valued tomb for Jesus' burial.
- Paul stitched tents and planted churches.
Lydia sold luxury goods and opened her home to the gospel.
The Proverbs 31 woman-built wealth and built people.
Priscilla and Aquila ran a business that positioned them to disciple leaders.
Business has never been a distraction from God's plan. It has always been the delivery system.

We believed the lie that ambition was dangerous but now when God is leading His purpose through you. Don't shrink or back down but steward (manage) what God has given you. Lead it well because owning your own business carries kingdom influence, opportunities, and resources.

II.The Commission

- Be fruitful and multiply, Fill the Earth
- **2 Corinthians 3:2-3**
You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone.
³ You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.
 - We are read by the world (2 Corinthians 3:2-3), with the responsibility to demonstrate the name and nature of God to a watching world.
 - We are to be spiritually fruitful and multiply the citizens of the Kingdom of God when we obey Jesus' command to "go and make disciples of all nations"
 - Discipleship requires connection from both the teacher and student.
 - Elders teach the younger. The elders are obsolete in many churches to make room for the younger, but we can't disciple the younger without the elder who have lived life and have experienced God in ways we only desire to encounter him.
 - A Multi-generational church gives elders authority to strategically intercede, to stand in the gap in spiritual warfare, to pray with focused passion that moves things in the spiritual realm.
- Subdue it and have dominion –

Genesis 2:15

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

This means ruling over it with physical strength or labor, to cultivate it, making the land productive and effective without destroying it, preventing chaos and keeping it earth from being useless.

You know how certain groups of people living a lifestyle outside of God's word are very expressive, loud and in your face about who they feel their identity should be and try to pressure us to agree with them. Yet we as Christians are too shy to share a scripture, our testimony, Jesus or anything else for that matter because we are too scared of what others might think of us.

What broke you?

- An obstacle.
- Things wore off.
- Social Media (TikTok)
- Abandoned by loved ones.
- Hurt.
- Diagnosis.
- Relationship damaged.
- Hope delayed.
- Expectations failed.
- Good intentions attacked.
- Betrayal. Hurt.
- Making excuses.
- Promise destroyed.
- Bank account emptied.
- An addiction

God wants to restore our identities back, our families and our position of dominion.

Titus 2:15

Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

When you ask a blessing from God, ask it that you may glorify God by it. Do you long to have your health back again? Be sure that you want to spend it for him. Do you desire earthly advancement? Desire it that you may promote His glory. Do you even long for growth in grace? Ask it only that you may glorify him." (Spurgeon)

1 Peter 4:11

If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.