

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

God the Creator (Elohim)

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Genesis 1:1-3 (NLT) 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. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

God Our Mighty Creator = Elohim

Elohim is not a distant Creator but a present creative God who continues to bring life out of chaos.

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Psalms 102:1-5 (NLT) Lord, hear my prayer! Listen to my plea! ² Don't turn away from me in my time of distress. Bend down to listen, and answer me quickly when I call to you. ³ For my days disappear like smoke, and my bones burn like red-hot coals. ⁴ My heart is sick, withered like grass, and I have lost my appetite. ⁵ Because of my groaning, I am reduced to skin and bones.

Psalms 102: 24-28 But I cried to him, "O my God, who lives forever, don't take my life while I am so young! ²⁵ Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth and made the heavens with your hands. ²⁶ They will perish, but you remain forever; they will wear out like old clothing. You will change them like a garment and discard them. ²⁷ But you are always the same; you will live forever. ²⁸ The children of your people will live in security. Their children's children will thrive in your presence."

Psalms 102: 16-22 (NLT) For the Lord will rebuild Jerusalem. **He will appear in his glory.** ¹⁷ He will listen to the prayers of the destitute. He will not reject their pleas. ¹⁸ Let this be recorded for future generations, so that a people not yet born will praise the Lord. ¹⁹ Tell them the Lord looked down from his heavenly sanctuary. He looked down to earth from heaven ²⁰ to hear the groans of the prisoners, to release those condemned to die. ²¹ And so the Lord's fame will be celebrated in Zion, his praises in Jerusalem, ²² when multitudes gather together and kingdoms come to worship the Lord.

Mark 15:34 (NLT) Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Big Idea: Because God is Creator I can trust Him with my chaos.

How do we apply this today?

- **Trust God to bring order from chaos and light from darkness in your life.**

Isaiah 40:28-29 (NLT) Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. ²⁹ He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.

Isaiah 41:10 (NLT) Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

- **Speak "life" into your chaos with the promises of God.**

2 Corinthians 1:20 (ESV) For all the promises of God find their Yes in him [Christ]. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

- **Maximize your creative potential to impact our chaotic world for God's glory.**

Prayer: *Elohim, Mighty One, you made everything out of nothing, imposed order on chaos, brought light from darkness, gave birth to beauty, and called it good. Help me to know you as the one true God, revealed in Jesus Christ. You created everything and everyone, and you have me on this earth for a purpose. Help me fulfill your purpose for my life so more and more people know you and love you. May you receive all the glory - Amen.*

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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?

3) Read Genesis 1:1-3. What strikes you about this creation account? What does this reveal to us about God?

4) Read Psalm 102:1-15. Describe the situation for the Psalmist. In what ways is the writer experiencing chaos? How can you relate to this situation?

5) Read Psalm 102:24-28. How does focusing on God as the mighty creator help the writer deal with the circumstances they are facing? How could this same approach help you today?

6) In what ways do you need to trust our Creator God with your chaos? How does the cross of Jesus Christ help you trust God with your chaos?

7) Review the 3 application points in the message. Which one is most applicable for you today? What action step with you take today?

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