



Welcome!

SERIES: I'M A NAMEDROPPER

Today's Message: ELOHIM: Something Out of Nothing

Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: Creator God, we give you praise. Your work of creation expresses your perfect harmony. You made the universe and everything in it. Thank you for revealing yourself through your creation. Almighty God, through your creation we see the glory of your eternal power, wisdom, and goodness. You amaze us. Thank you for creating beauty in tiny details and on a grand scale. You leave us in awe. Your wisdom surpasses anything that we can explain. Even in our bodies, we marvel at your design. We give you praise for the signature of your hand on all creation. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Can you name the 7 “wonders of the world”? How many are still in existence?

INTRODUCTION: The sacred scriptures declare the God of creation and the name used to demonstrate God’s creative capacity is *Elohim*. *Elohim* is a plural noun designed to direct us to God’s perfect harmony, balance, and relationship with Godself. *Elohim* signifies one triune God, not many gods. *Elohim*, the strong Creator is a personal and loving God who demands justice; yet extends grace. *Elohim* has all power (omnipotent), even the power to create something out of nothing.

SCRIPTURE: Read Genesis 1:1 (NLT)

DISCUSSION:

1. What stood out in today’s message? What’s one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today? What points did you find most insightful? How did the message challenge you?
2. *God is bigger than you—that’s the central takeaway from Genesis 1:1.* Everything around us is made, including us, and it was made by someone other than us, and that someone is God, who must be bigger than us. The logic here is basic, but how does it affect us at the level of our hearts? When you think about God’s bigness in relation to yourself, how does that make you feel? Or how has it made you feel in the past?
3. The human body has a heart that will beat some three billion times, lungs that deliver breath through 1,500 miles of airways—all precisely orchestrated by billions of nerve cells, and billions of miles of genetic information, in combinations that make each of us unique. Every day it takes us on a miraculous journey, pushing the frontiers, meeting awesome challenges, and defying the boundaries of human achievement. How does that make you feel about yourself?

CHALLENGE: What is one “a-ha” moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week’s message, how would the next week be different for you?

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SERVE: How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at myspbc.org. You can also connect with us on social media at facebook.com/myspbc, instagram.com/myspbc and twitter.com/MySPBC_online. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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We Care!

A large, solid red heart is positioned behind the text 'We Care!'.

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472
EMAIL: prayer@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)
EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177
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TO CONTACT MY LIFE STAGE PASTOR:

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