

# threads

untangling biblical themes





Image



RULERSHIP

Part of bearing  
God's image has  
to do with ruling  
over the creation.



Relationship

Part of bearing  
God's image has to  
do with relationship  
to the Creator.

Image-bearing  
means ruling over  
creation while in  
relationship with  
our Creator.





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# Genesis

3:1-5



“be like God”



# Loss of relationship



In what  
relationships  
is there now  
tension?



# with God

Genesis 3:8-10; 22-24

with serpent

Genesis 3:14-15



with body  
Genesis 3:16





with people

Genesis 3:16



with creation

Genesis 3:17-19

putting self in the  
place of God, results  
in the breakdown of  
relationship with God.



# Loss of rulership

What ruling  
command is  
given to man  
and woman?

“be fruitful, multiply,  
fill the earth, and  
subdue it.”  
Genesis 1:28



“Pain”

Genesis 3:16-19

putting self in the  
place of God, results  
in the breakdown of  
rulership in God's  
creation.



# Creation

“land” used ~307x in  
252 verses in Genesis.



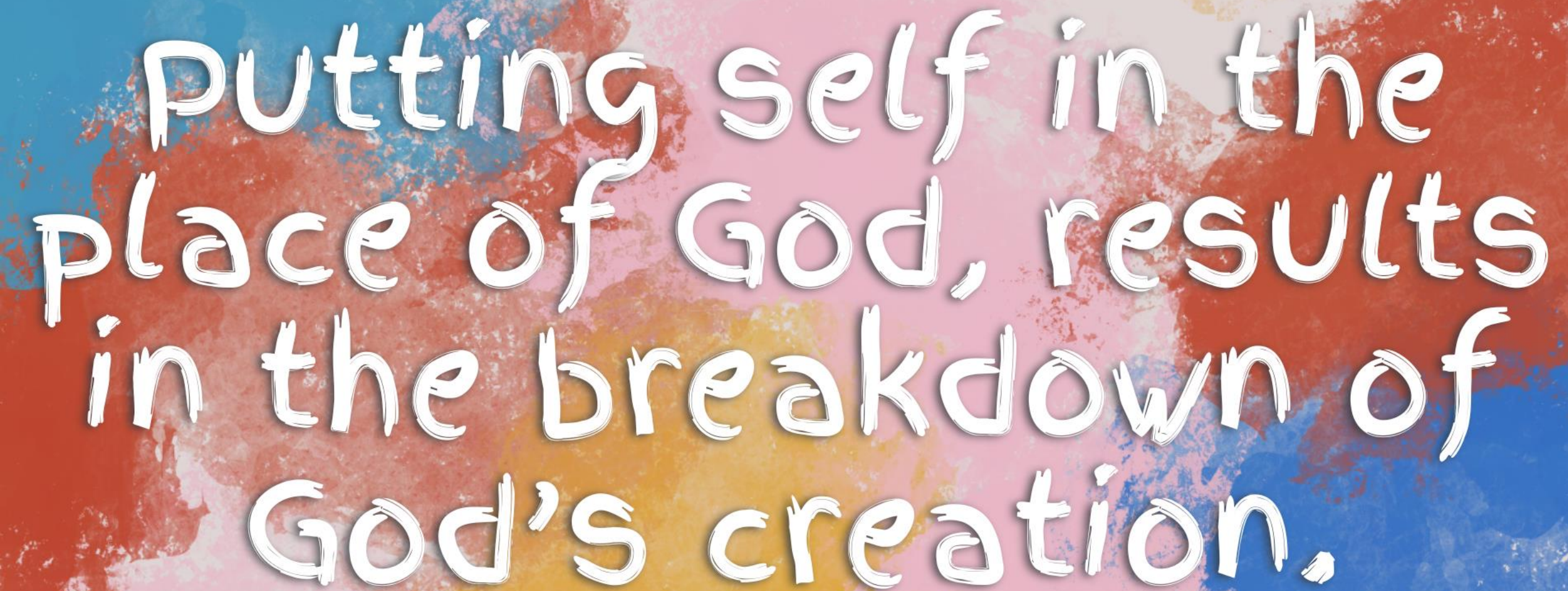
# Genesis

## 4:10-12



# Genesis

6:5-7, 11-13



putting self in the  
place of God, results  
in the breakdown of  
God's creation.

When we place self  
where God should be, we  
cease to bear His image  
(in rule and relationship)  
and damage His  
creation...



Idolatry