

God's Dream of a Family

There is a universal question people have asked since the beginning of time:

"Why am I here?"

- The problem is that most people look for the answer in the wrong place — within themselves.
 - But if you keep looking in the wrong place, you will never find what you are searching for.
- **The Bible is clear: Jesus is the center of all creation.**
 - If anything else takes His place at the center, life will go off course. We will keep searching but never truly find meaning.
- This truth stands in sharp contrast to Humanistic philosophy, which puts man at the center.
 - Since Humanism is so strong in today's culture, this message can feel uncomfortable — or to some even offensive.
- If we want to know why we were created, the wisest thing we can do is ask our Creator Himself.

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

— Colossians 1:16

For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

— Romans 11:36

GODS HAS REVEALD HIS PURPOSE

Hidden in the very first pages of the Bible, God reveals the answer to "the why question."

- Yet many miss it, because they are looking in the wrong places.
- This truth is found only by those who are willing to take the time to seek it.
- And sadly, many people don't really want to find it.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

— Genesis 1:26-28

- The Bible gives us a clear answer: God's dream and ultimate intention for creation was to have a family — people made in His image.
 - People who could rule and have dominion like Him.
 - People who would be fruitful and fill the earth.

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*Creation was no accident—it was God's dream unfolding.
His dream was not angels without number or galaxies without end,
but a family of sons and daughters who would walk with Him,
know His love, and reflect His character.*

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- If God only wanted one son and one daughter. He could have stopped with Adam and Eve.
 - Instead, He created them with the ability to multiply.
 - His plan was always a great family of many sons and daughters.
- In other words, God's desire was a family that would fill the whole earth, subdue it, and have dominion over everything He had made.
 - This is an awe-inspiring thought — one that even puzzled David.

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,
— Psalm 8:3-6

GOD DID NOT CREATE YOU JUST TO USE YOU

When God created man, it was not because He was lonely or because He lacked anything — He is God!

- When we say that we were created by Him, through Him, and for Him, it doesn't mean our happiness doesn't matter.
 - In fact, He desires our joy, and He takes pleasure in seeing us happy.
 - Just as a father and mother delight in watching their children grow into their own unique personalities — and also in being there to guide and support them — God takes joy in being present in our lives.

Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.
— Genesis 2:19

- God did not create Adam to be a slave or simply to work for Him.
 - Instead, He delighted in watching Adam freely choose names for the animals.

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Just as a father delights in watching his children grow and guiding them in their choices, God delights in being present in our lives —walking with us and supporting us in the decisions we make.

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What do you want?

You were created for Him, through Him, and to Him. This truth must be the foundation when we ask, “*Why am I here?*”

- Some may feel offended by this, thinking their own happiness should be the center of the question.
 - But as innocent as that thought may seem, it is actually the root of the original rebellion — the desire to develop and define life independently of God.
- In the garden, there were two trees — two paths: life with God, or independence from Him.
 - These trees symbolize two choices — two paths man can take:
 1. **The path of life** — staying connected to God and finding our life in Him.
 2. **The path of independence** — seeking to define good and evil for ourselves, apart from God.

...The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
— Genesis 2:9

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”
— Genesis 2:15-17

*In the garden stood two trees: one symbolized life with God,
the other independence from Him. The true tragedy was not just breaking a rule
—it was choosing independence over fellowship with God.*

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- God is not against us knowing the difference between right and wrong.
- The real issue in the garden was not simply eating the fruit, but choosing to live independently of God.

Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

— Genesis 3:4-6

- Adam and Eve were already created in the image of God, so in that sense they were already like Him.
- They also already knew right from wrong, because God had told them not to eat from the tree.
- God did not oppose them knowing right from wrong—after all, they already knew it was wrong to eat of the tree. **But their knowledge was meant to come through their relationship with Him.**
- God wanted them to grow and mature, to learn and understand right from wrong—but He Himself was to be the source of that knowledge.

The Tragedy of the Fall

But Adam and Eve chose independence from God. By doing so, they did gain the knowledge of good and evil—but their choice brought far more consequences than they expected.

- They became infected with the “sin-virus.”
- Through Adam and Eve, this “virus” spread to every human being after them and the effect of the “sin-virus” is that it creates in us a natural tendency toward sin.

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned...

— Romans 5:12

- Even though Adam and Eve did not die right away physically, they did die in the sense that they got disconnected from their source of life.
- The intimate fellowship with God broke and they lost access to the tree of life.

Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden...

— Genesis 3:22-23

- Some might think God was cruel for sending Adam and Eve out of the garden, but in reality, it was an act of mercy.
 - If they had eaten from the tree of life in their sinful state, mankind would have been doomed to live forever in sin.
 - Death—though tragic—became, for the believer, a doorway of hope and salvation (1 Thessalonians 4:13–14).
- The greatest tragedy in the Garden of Eden was not just sin, but that humanity lost its intimate fellowship with the Father—the very purpose for which we were created.
 - This is why the cry for purpose exists in the deepest part of every human heart.
 - That cry will never be satisfied until fellowship with God is restored.

The Father's Plan of Redemption

But even in the judgment of Adam and Eve, God introduced a promise of hope—that one day fellowship would be restored.

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.
— Genesis 3:15

- Though fellowship had been broken, God did not give up on His dream of filling the earth with sons and daughters who would radiate His glory.

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
— Habakkuk 2:14

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*When man sinned, God's plan was disrupted but never abandoned.
From the very beginning, He had a way prepared to redeem mankind
and restore the fellowship that was lost.*

- Throughout the Old Testament, there was always a whisper of a Redeemer—someone who would come to restore what was lost and bring mankind back into fellowship with God.
 - Through the prophets, God gave promises of a day when this broken fellowship would be made whole again.
 - Every sacrifice offered was only a shadow of the ultimate sacrifice still to come—when the Lamb of God would remove the wall of separation between God and man.

... Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
— John 1:29

...are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.
— Colossians 2:17

THE CROSS WAS NOT THE END-GOAL

There is no doubt that the Cross was the most important event in human history since creation. Yet many Christians miss this crucial truth: the Cross was not God's ultimate goal—it was the necessary means to an end.

For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.
— Colossians 1:19–22

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
— 2. Corinthians 5:18-21

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*Redemption is not God reluctantly forgiving sinners
—it is the Father joyfully reclaiming His children through the new birth.*

- God's ultimate goal was to reconcile all things to Himself, removing the barrier of sin that had separated us, so that we could once again enjoy the intimate fellowship with the Father that was lost when Adam and Eve sinned.
 - Our message is not that God is angry with people. The message we are called to preach is this: reconciliation has already been accomplished, and the way back to the Father is now open.
 - **Our calling — is to live daily in fellowship with the Father.**

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

— 1 Corinthians 1:9

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The Gospel invitation

When we preach the Gospel, we need to preach sin and repentance, but sin and repentance is not the end-goal — forgiveness of sin is not even the end-goal — restored fellowship with the Father is the end-goal.

- The Father is not waiting to scold you. He is waiting to welcome you home.

THE DREAM FULFILLED

The Bible begins with God creating the world — but the goal was the creation of Man. Someone that would be like Him — Someone that could be His sons and daughters — His own family.

- The plan got disrupted — but it was never abandoned
- God had a plan to reconcile his lost children and reunite His family again.
- And at the end of the Bible we read this beautiful verse:

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.'

— Revelation 21:3