



**August 17, 2025**  
**Genesis 1:3-25**

**"God's story of beginnings – where pain meets purpose, and grace breaks through."**

**RECAP:**

**Genesis 1:1-2(NIV)**

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**Summary of Sentence Structure:**

- **Subject:** God
- **Verb:** created
- **Object:** the heavens and the earth
- **Prepositional phrase:** In the beginning

**Theological Implication:**

- "In the beginning"
- "God"
- "created"
- "the heavens and the earth"



*"It is no accident that God is the subject of the first sentence of the Bible, for this word dominates the whole chapter and catches the eye at every point of the page: it is used some thirty-five times in as many verses of the story." ~ Kidner*

Genesis is not an \_\_\_\_\_ of how God created everything. Genesis is a \_\_\_\_\_ that God created everything.

**Psalm 19:1 (NIV)** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

*"We would very soon become contemptuous of a god whom we could figure out like a puzzle or learn to use like a tool. No, if God is worth our attention at all, he must be a God we can look up to – a God we must look up to." ~ Eugene Peterson*

*"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. These majestic words introduce the most translated, most printed, and most read book in history... I heard them read to the watching world on live television by the crew of Apollo 8 as they orbited the moon. The context was a triumphant achievement of science and technology that caught the imagination of the millions of people who watched it. To celebrate that success the astronauts chose to read a text that needed no added explanation or qualification, even though it was written millennia ago." ~ John Lennox*

## APPLICATION:

1. God's Word has \_\_\_\_\_ – so \_\_\_\_\_  
it and \_\_\_\_\_ it. vs 3

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*“God’s Word is not advice—it’s a command that changes reality.” ~ John Piper*

2. God brings \_\_\_\_\_ from chaos – so \_\_\_\_\_  
in His \_\_\_\_\_. **vs 4-10; 14-18**

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*“The same God who hung stars in order knows exactly where to place the pieces of your life.” ~ Christine Caine*

*“The controlled universe reflected in the Bible, has God as both its creator and sustainer/ruler. He creates in an ordered way, and sustains and rules it in an ordered way, so that science is possible; but he is not bound by what he has created, so he is at perfect liberty to do things another way, with the result that miracles are possible.”*

*~ D.A. Carson*

Rest isn’t found in having \_\_\_\_\_—Rest is found  
in \_\_\_\_\_ to the One who does.

3. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ includes you – so live with  
\_\_\_\_\_. **vs 11-25**

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*“There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal.” ~ C.S. Lewis*



## upcoming events

**AUGUST 18:** MATTHEW CONNECT CREW 7 PM

**AUGUST 20:** ADDICTION & RECOVERY CREW 7 PM

**AUGUST 22:** YOUTH GROUP 7 PM

**AUGUST 25:** MATTHEW CONNECT CREW 7 PM

**AUGUST 30:** LI DUCKS GAME 6 PM

**AUGUST 31:** COMMUNION

**AUGUST 31:** CONNECT KIDS PROMOTION SUNDAY  
(ICE CREAM PARTY)

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**Spanish Service, 2:30PM:** 46

**Offering:** \$8,897.60

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