

Sermon series: Genesis 1-11: The Story of (Your) Life Text: Genesis 1:26-31 Delivered: April 30, 2023 Ben Armstrong

The Story of Who You Are - Part 1

W	e are made in the				
Th	e reality that God created	d man in l	His own in	nage lays tl	ne foundation for:
1.	How we approach	_			
	• Him				
	•H	lim			
2.	How we view		_		
	• We are				_ made
	• We are				
3.	How we treat				
	• them like .	lesus does			
	• them back	to God			



Because God gave us life, we should be constantly worshipping Him. But so many things distract us from that. What are some of the things that you seem most prone to allow distract you from living a life of thankful worship to God?

The ideal equation to live with is Creator (God) > Creation (us), but many mess up this equation. What might it look like for someone to live with the equation Creator = Creation? What about Creator < Creation?

Why do you think it is a challenge to see ourselves as fearfully and wonderfully made and special? What might help us grasp this reality and let it impact our view of ourselves?

Who are some people you struggle to see as being made in the image of God? How might you treat them differently if you were to let that reality impact your interactions with them?

Who is someone in your life who showed you value the way Jesus showed value to those He ministered to? How did they show you value and how did it make you feel?

What is something you can do this week to better worship God? To view yourself as a wonderful and special creation? To value others the way Jesus does?

Respond to this quote by Francis Schaeffer:

"The ironic fact is that humanism which began with man's being central eventually had no real meaning for people. On the other hand, if one begins with the Bible's position that man is created by God and in the image of God, there is a basis for that person's dignity."

Read James 3:7-10. What does this passage teach us about people being made in the image of God and how we ought to respond as a result?

Of the three foundations discussed in this sermon (how we approach God, how we view ourselves, and how we treat others), which do you feel you have the healthiest approach to? Which do you struggle with the most? Pray that God would help you remember the truth that He created man in His image in regards to that particular area.