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FOREVER **IMAGE OF GOD**

FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES JORDAN BIEL

What is the meaning of life?

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Glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

One of the ways we glorify God is by being an image bearer - bearing His image (persona) to others around us. We give Jesus glory by the way we love others and act God-Like / Christ-Like / Jesus-Like to others.

We're truly "connected forever"

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As humans, we have always tried to categorize each other, haven't we?

We love our tribes.

That can be good... and that can be bad.

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“We have all forgotten what we really are.”

GK Chesterton

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What if we return to the simple idea that we are all humans, created in the image of God for the glory of God? What if we return to our original purpose of displaying the image of God on the earth? But to whom? We are to bear the image of God to everyone and everything around us.

How is that possible? The Holy Spirit makes this possible!

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LESSONS FROM GENESIS

Who are we really?

Why did God make man?

What does the Trinity teach us about us?

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**THINK BACK BEFORE HUMANS, BEFORE GOD
CREATED MAN, THERE WAS GOD
BEFORE THERE WERE TREES, BIRDS, ANIMALS &
EVEN HUMANS, GOD'S SPECIAL CREATION,
THERE WAS GOD. HE IS THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE.**

**When we realize that we are breathing the air He gave
us and that we are connected forever in the grace that
He gives, we enter a level of joy and purpose that most
people never enter!**

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Men, like Adam, you can't fully bear the image of God through your work alone. You bear His image and display His glory by the way you care for others! WOW!

Women, like Eve, you can't fully bear the image of God alone. You bear His image and display His glory in the way that you care for others! WOW!

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THE GOOD SAMARITAN

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What

is written in the Law? How do you read it?”

²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

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29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

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³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

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³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?’ ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

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THE LAW

JUSTIFY YOURSELF

MINIMAL AMOUNT REQUIRED

DRIVEN BY COMPARISON

**RESULT: DISDAIN & SADNESS
& TRIBALISM**

LUKE 10:25-37

GRACE

JUSTIFIED BY GOD

MAX AMOUNT OFFERED

DRIVEN BY GRATITUDE

**RESULT: COMPASSION & JOY
& COMMUNITY**

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The Good Samaritan / 3 Responses to Pain

Disdain (Priest)

Denial (Levite)

Compassion (Samaritan / Christ-Like)

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Are we bearing His image?

Do we realize that our faith is connected forever to the faith and life experiences of others?

Great communion will result in the great commission.
Our great communion with God (love the Lord Your God with all ...) **will result in obedience to the great commission (love people as much as you love yourself / make disciples of all nations teaching them to obey everything I've taught you...)**

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KINSMAN CAMPUS

LEARN HOW TO REACH PEOPLE FOR JESUS

AMBASSADORS⁴CHRIST

- Discover the 4 practices of an effective kingdom diplomat.
- Develop your Gospel Conversation competence & confidence.
- Deploy a simple plan to impact your circle of influence.

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12pm LUNCH STARTS



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