



THE STORY OF THE WORLD

RISE AND FALL

GENESIS – PART ONE

SEPTEMBER 27TH / CALLED TO SERVE / GENESIS 1:26-28; 2:19-20

Humankind was created with a distinct purpose to exercise authority and creativity in partnership with God.

The creation of humanity and sabbath rest together form the larger purpose of the creation account. God designed humankind as his living agent to represent him in a world defined by human grasping and the coercive use of power.

READ GENESIS 1:26 – 2:7.

1. What does it mean to be bear God's image in the world (Genesis 1:28)?
2. How does the exercise of authority as a Christian look different from the way power is exercised in the world? (see Mark 10:42-45)
3. How might you bear God's image in your life and work today? (see Philippians 2:3-8)
4. Do you find yourself challenged or affirmed in the behaviors mentioned in this passage (Ephesians 4:22-32)?
5. How is God's rest on the seventh day of creation to be reflected in our experience today (Genesis 2:2-3)? (see Matthew 11:28-29; Hebrews 4:9-11)
6. What are some ways you can exercise greater Sabbath rest in your life today?

GOD AND FATHER, HELP ME TO REFLECT YOUR GLORY MORE IN MY LIFE TODAY.