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Good
Genesis 1:1-31

III.

What is essential to your life?

Genesis 1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good... 6 Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ...9 Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so... and God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with seed in them, on the earth"; and it was so... and God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day. 14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years... and God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. 20 Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens." ...and God saw that it was good... 23 And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. 24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so... and God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them... 31 And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

First Essential Spiritual Idea:

I. **God created** _____. (Vs. 1)

II. **God created all things** _____. (Vs. 2-3)

III. **God created all things** _____. (Vs. 4-31)

Point:

What does this mean for us?

1. You belong to God. God created you. God created all life.
2. Recognize that you were created good. You were made in the image of God.
3. Realize that God created this world. That God created it good. That God loves this world.

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. How might you live differently if you believed that you were created good and you are not alone? How would it change the way you think about yourself, your friends, your enemies, the world?
2. How would your life be different if you believed that you owe everything in life to God?
3. How would your life be different if you believed that everyone you see is a product of God's grace?
4. How would your life be different if you experienced everything in the created earth as a gift of God's grace? (Your boss? Your Teacher? Those who are opposed to you? Those that you judge as evil?)
5. What would it look like to participate in God's plan to re-create this world through the redemptive work of Christ?



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