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New or regular, we'd love to know you're here today. You can also share a prayer request so our team can pray for you this week.

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Month of Gratitude & Prayer

Join us in giving thanks for God's provision and praying for the future of our school. Follow along with the 30-day prayer guide at

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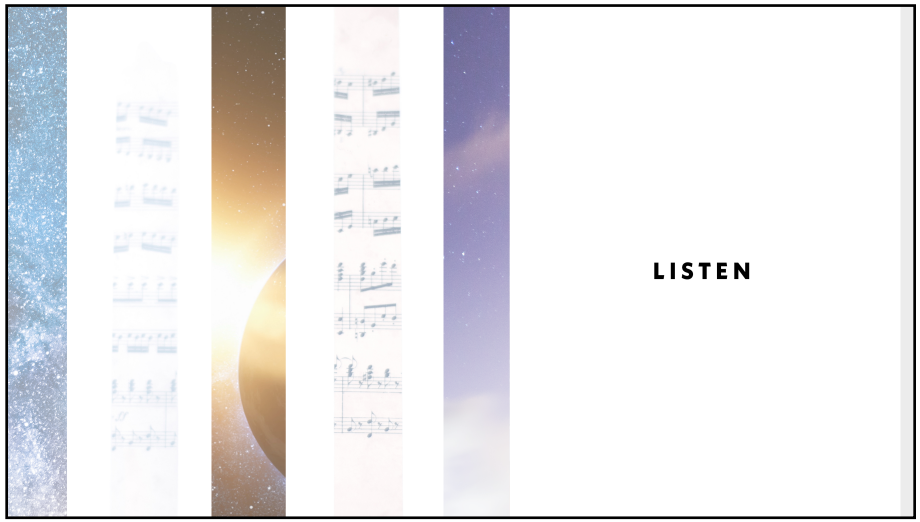

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OUR DIGNITY

*Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our **image**, after our likeness. And let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

1. God's IMAGE gives human life its SANCTITY.

*Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own **image**, in the **image** of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

a. We carry God's image in the SINGULAR.

b. We carry God's image in the PLURAL.

*Genesis 9:6 Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, **for God made man in his own image**.*

Matthew 5:21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

c. Our sin doesn't negate the SANCTITY of all human life.

2. God's BLESSING gives human life its SUPREMACY.

*Genesis 1:28 And God **blessed** them. And God said to them [humans], "Be fruitful and **multiply** and fill the earth....*

*Genesis 1:22 And God **blessed** them [animals], saying, "Be fruitful and **multiply** and fill...the earth.*

a. Like any other life, we're blessed to MULTIPLY.

*Genesis 1:28 ...fill the earth and **subdue** it, and have **dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

b. Unlike any other life, we're blessed to STEWARD our world.

*Genesis 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to **work** it and **keep** it.*

Mark 10:42 ..."You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

c. Our sin doesn't negate the ACCOUNTABILITY of all human life.

ASK YOURSELF:

- What will I do today to affirm the dignity of all human life?

OUR DEPENDENCE

*Genesis 1:29 And God said, "Behold, **I have given you** every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.*

1. SELF-RELIANCE was never the plan.

*Genesis 1:30 And to **every** beast of the earth and to **every** bird of the heavens and to **everything** that creeps on the earth, **everything** that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.*

2. PRIDE was never the plan.

ASK YOURSELF:

- What will I do today to humbly embrace my dependence on God?

OUR DESIGN

*Acts 17:24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth...he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth... 27 that they should seek God... Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 **for 'In him we live and move and have our being**'...*

All human life is marked by dignity and dependence because:

We were made for RELATIONSHIP with God.

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