

Weekly Devotional

*Material taken from "The Story" curriculum by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee

When a house is being built, it starts with a strong foundation. The base is where the rest of the building gets its support from. Our lives need a strong foundation of love, grace, and relationship. This series will help us see that our foundation comes from God. God is Creator and initiator. People are His ultimate creation. God wants to be in relationship with us. Yet, we often mess up and embrace sin rather than our God. God loves us so much that He desperately does whatever it takes to build a bridge back to a relationship with us.

Session 1 – Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

Read Ch 1 in "The Story" **or** Genesis 1-4, 6-9:17-11:27-32 and **think** about the following questions:

1. What do these passages tell us about GOD? (Who is God? What is God like? What has God done?)
2. What do these passages tell us about US (Human Beings)? (What/how are we supposed to be? What has gone wrong?)
3. What do these passages tell us about HOW WE SHOULD LIVE? (What has God done about what has gone wrong? What does He expect of us? How should we live?)

Closing Prayer:

As you take time to pray, here are some ideas to get you started:

- Ask God to help you appreciate the beauty of his creation and to be a good steward and caretaker of the world he has made.
- Give praise to God for the people in your life who have revealed his grace, love, and presence to you.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment to recognize Satan's tactics as he tries to deceive you and the people you care about.

Personal Action:

Take a walk outside and notice the beauty of what God has made. Thank God for making this amazing world. As you are walking, talk with God as you are talking with a friend. Tell Him about your joys, concerns, feelings, and anything that is on your heart and mind. Ask Him to help you walk with Him everyday.