



A YEAR
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GOD
Daily Devotional

DAY 1



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DAY ONE

Genesis 1 - 3

Before You Were, He Was

Before the first word of Genesis was ever written, before ink touched parchment, before Moses sat down in the wilderness to record what God had shown him - you were already in the mind of God. Not as an idea. Not as a possibility. As a certainty.

That's where this story begins. Not with the universe. With you.

God did not create the world and then figure out where you would fit. He saw you first - and then He built a world fit for you to live in.

I know that might feel like a stretch when you're holding this book with sleep still in your eyes and a hundred things already pulling at you. But stay with me. Because Genesis 1 is not just about what God made. It's about what God meant.

The first thing Scripture wants you to know about God is not that He is powerful - though He is. Not that He is holy - though He is. The first thing is this: He creates. He makes. He brings something out of nothing and calls it good.

Six times in Genesis 1, after each act of creation, God pauses. He looks at what He's made. And He calls it good. Not functional. Not sufficient. Good. There is pleasure in Him as He works. Delight in the making. This is not a God who begrudgingly set the world in motion and stepped back. This is a God who -enjoyed what He was doing. And then He made you.

Not with a word spoken into empty air. Not with a casual gesture. He formed you. The same Hebrew word used for a potter shaping clay. He got close. He got deliberate. He breathed into you. His breath - the very breath in the lungs of the Eternal - became the first breath in yours.

You have never taken a single breath that wasn't first His. Every inhale of your life is a gift He is still giving.

*“Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground
and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life,
and the man became a living being.”-*

Genesis 2:7

There are consequences. Real ones. The earth shifts. Pain enters. Labor becomes harder. The relationship between the man and the woman fractures under the weight of blame. This is what sin does - it doesn't just break our connection to God, it breaks everything downstream of it.

But before they leave the garden, God does something so quiet you could almost miss it. He makes them clothes. Animal skins. Which means something died. Which means blood was shed. Which means God, in the very first act of covering human shame, gave something its life so that they wouldn't have to walk out naked.

The cross was not Plan B. It was written into the story before the story began. The God who covered Adam and Eve's shame with a sacrifice is the same God who covered yours.

Here is what I want you to carry with you today.

Somewhere in Genesis 1 through 3, there is a version of you. Maybe you're in the garden, walking with God, close and unashamed. Maybe you're standing at the tree, hearing the whisper that God can't be trusted, that you need to take what He hasn't given. Maybe you're already behind the fig leaves, hoping He won't look too closely.

He sees you. He has always seen you. And He is not standing at the edge of the garden waiting to condemn you. He is walking through it, calling your name, asking you to come out.

You don't have to have it together to answer Him. Adam didn't. Eve didn't. And yet God stayed. And God covered. And God promised -

right there in the rubble of the first great failure - that a day was coming when everything the serpent had broken would be undone. That promise is still in motion. And tomorrow, in Genesis 4, you'll begin to see what it costs to live east of Eden - and what it looks like when people start reaching back toward God in the middle of a broken world. The story is only just beginning.

Speak this over yourself today:

I was made on purpose, with purpose, by a God who has never stopped moving toward me. My shame does not have the final word. I am seen, I am known, and I am not alone. The same breath that filled Adam is the breath in my lungs right now. I am alive because God wanted me to be.

TOMORROW - Day 2

East of Eden, life gets harder and the questions get louder. Two brothers. One offering. And a God who sees what no one else does. Come back tomorrow - because what happens in Genesis 4 will tell you something about yourself you might not expect.

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