



Session 1

IN THE BEGINNING

Made in His Image


Genesis 1,2

Genesis 1:26-28 “Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish and of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth”

Created In Our (Trinity) Image - reason, personality, intellect, the capacity to relate, to hear, to see, to choose, to speak and have communion with God. The word “Our” also suggests the entire host of heaven. *Gen. 1:31a “God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.”*

Be Fruitful and Multiply - Blessing to procreate and fill the earth and to enjoy all that He had created.

Dominion Over the Earth - His kingdom agent to rule and subdue creation as well as satanic forces. All was created for our enjoyment and sustenance and rule. The power to reign in life will extend only as far as our faithfulness to obey God’s law.



Trinity (Community) of God

Gen 1:26 Let Us make man in Our image

In Community: Be one as the Trinity is, in intimate and constant communion, one part is not working without the other. They are completely submitted to each other. God created us out of unity (Deut. 6:4).

Adam - 20x in OT, One of four Hebrew words for “man”; soil or ground, referring to the whole human race, children of Adam, humanness, 1st human

A First Adam *Gen. 2:19* - living being from dust

A Last Adam *1 Cor. 15:45-49* Jesus is the living giving spirit, fulfilling presently and in the future what He promised, to return again and bless Israel and restore the world in specific ways. ‘original intent’

Rom. 8:18–23 / Isa. 11:6–9; 32:13–15

“Whoever sheds human blood, by humans let his blood be shed, Because God made humans in his image reflecting God’s very nature. You’re here to bear fruit, reproduce, lavish life on the earth, live bountifully!” Gen 9:6-7 (To Noah and his family)

To take human life is to assault the image of God in man. Let no disrespect for human life invade any mind. “You shall not murder.” Ex 20:13

God Creates Female Out of Man (ish) = Woman (ishah)

*Gen. 2:20 " So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a **helper comparable** to him."*

Comparable - The perfect fitting of two - Complimentary for procreation

Helper - Help in daily work, mutual support through companionship

Gen. 2:23 "And Adam said: This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man."

Shared Rule - Equal Authority to take dominion over all that was created.

Bone of my Bone, Flesh of my Flesh - literally taken from his side and bones, physically one.

Side Note * If you leave the periosteum intact when removing a rib, the rib usually grows back again.

*The Church was born out of Jesus side pierced on the cross.

Gen. 2:24 “ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh”

Leave - priority change

Be Joined - Hebrew root ‘*proskallao*’ = *to glue or cement together*, faithfulness, loyalty, and permanency. The meaning is intensified by adding ‘*pros*’ to ‘*kallao*’

One Flesh - Hebrew root ‘*echa*’ = *one, a unit; united; unity, to bring together, one made up of many, sexual union, child conception, spiritual and emotional intimacy* *Matt. 19:5, 1 Cor. 6:16, Eph. 5:21-33, John 17:22,23*

Gen 2:24 “ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”

Ashamed = Hebrew root ‘*bush*’ used 100x OT - *disappointed, or embarrassed, experienced when one’s hope fails in an embarrassing way.*

Present shame is a result of remembering the path we walked before coming into God’s covenant. Our old way of living needed atonement. Our new hope in God will never be put to shame.

Psa. 25:2,3; Joel 2:26,27; Ez. 16:63

Bush is also used to refer to an idol. The idol itself was considered a shame or an embarrassment. An idol also guaranteed that it’s worshipers would eventually be shamed and greatly disappointed.

The shame is in where we put our trust.

Highlight

When I contemplate the wonder of being created in God's image, I am stumped. I have to first understand who God is to understand my true self. That seems to be the faith journey, as parents, that God takes us on. We begin to understand God's love for us when we feel such an incredible love for our children. We want to reflect His selfless love to our children. The reality of dying for someone is real and something to connect with. We get it. He loves us that much.

*2Peter 1: 5-7 " For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and **unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**"*

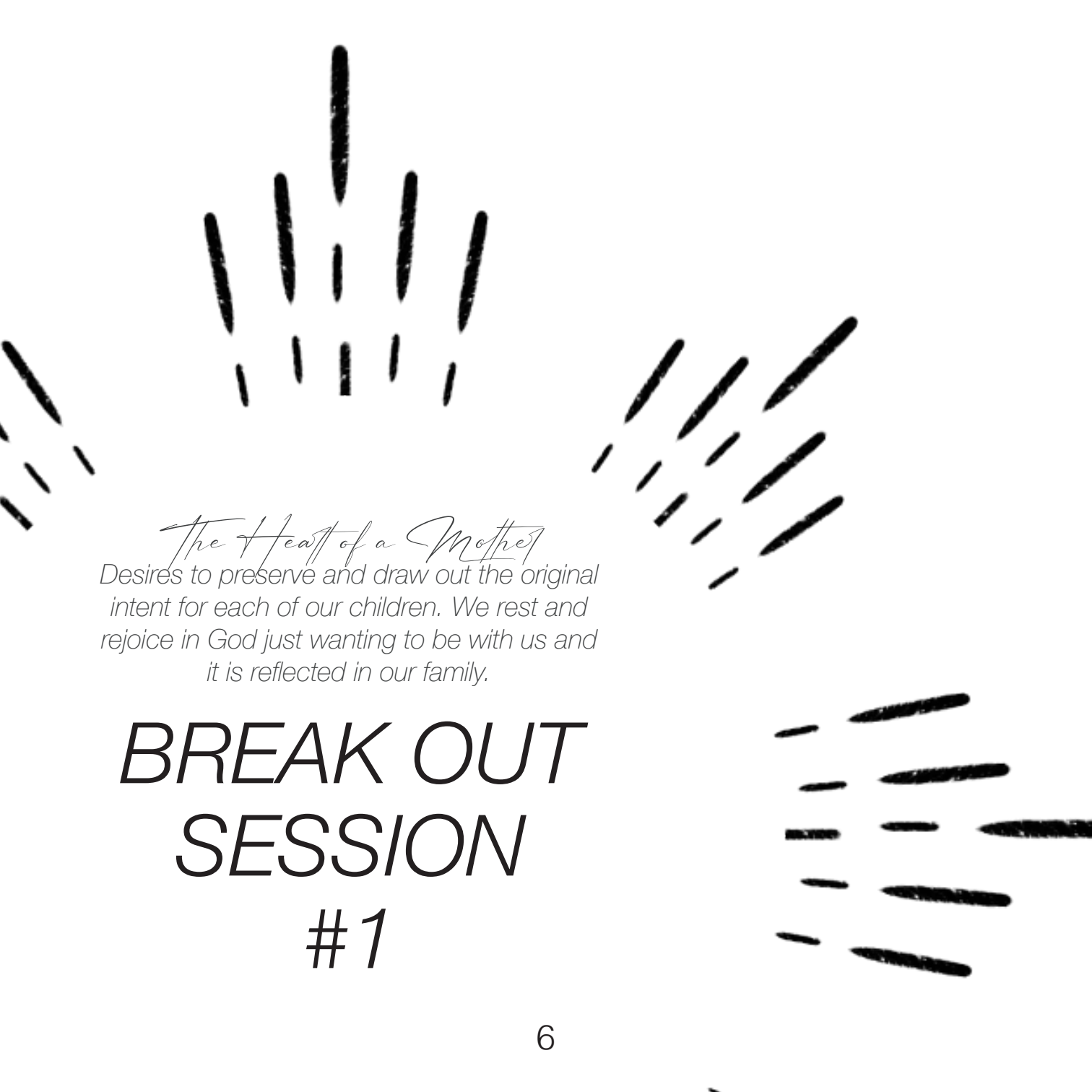
We also see our parents differently. At times we see our parents in us. Parenting/leading challenges our core of who we really are. We recognize areas we need to grow in and are motivated to do so to be the best mom or leader we can be. Once our little one enters the world they are the center of our hearts. We see how God parented the first of His creation. He was patient, just, attentive, longing to be with His children walking and talking in the garden. It was heaven on earth. His intent was to enjoy us for all of eternity on earth. Our children can feel the same in return (created in the image of God). I can remember each of my children saying to me, "Mom, I always want to live with you. I never want to leave you." Those moments are pure gold, pure love.

As we studied today about God's original intent in the Garden of Eden, we see and relate to His heart of wanting the perfect environment, full of love, where all our needs are met. We naturally feel the same for our children. God created us in perfect unity, man and women for each other. He wanted to be together with us for all of eternity in a perfect environment. His longing is still for us in intimacy. We feel the same about our family and church. That is God in us, the image of God.

One of the other truths that helps us understand ourselves as woman is that God created woman comparable to man. They shared equal rule and dominion over the garden. That desire in a woman to be equal to man is the image God in us and is His original intent. We will see how and why that order changed in future lessons.

We also see God's purpose for woman defined as a helper. That is the image of God in us. God longs to be our helper. If we receive who He is deep in our heart we will reflect the same.

John 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."



The Heart of a Mother
Desires to preserve and draw out the original
intent for each of our children. We rest and
rejoice in God just wanting to be with us and
it is reflected in our family.

BREAK OUT SESSION #1

5. Who has actually joined a husband and wife together as one?

Matt. 19:6 _____

a. What heart posture destroys this union?

Matt. 19:8 _____

b. When does God allow divorce?

Matt. 19:9 _____

6. What was the priority change on the part of the husband? *Gen. 2:24*

What do you think that practically looks like in this day and age?

7. Why do you think it's important to include that they were naked and unashamed?

Gen. 2:25

*<https://creation.com/regenerating-ribs-ad-am-and-that-missing-rib>