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Genesis 1:26-27 (NLT)

26 Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

**We are invited to belong
to EACH OTHER.**

Philippians 2:3b-4 (NLT)

3b Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. 4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Acts 4:33-34a (ESV)
And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

**Humility is not
thinking less of
yourself,
But thinking of
yourself less.**
- C. S. Lewis

John 3:30 (NIV)
*He must become greater;
I must become less."*

**Our connection to God is what allows us
to receive and give GRACE.**

How to choose Jesus as Lord:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “LIFE” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

- :: *In this season, reflect on whether you tend to react or respond? What happens when you do? How might responding position us to be more selfLESS?*
- :: *What is one area that you struggle to be selfLESS in? Why is that?*
- :: *As you reflect on the **Imago Dei**, what does it look like for you to honor the “image of God” in yourself and in people around you?*
- :: *Pastor Beth talked about the need for us to live into ‘belonging to each other’. How would doing that change your life –relationships, priorities, investments?*
- :: *Read Acts 4:33. Where can you bear witness to God’s resurrection power at work? How are you experiencing ‘great grace’ from Holy Spirit?*
- :: *What is one thing you can do this week to be more selfLESS?*
- :: *Ask someone you trust to pray for you as you seek to take that next step.*

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