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## Genesis Behind the Curtain: Ep. 1 God

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In the **beginning God created** the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God **said**, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. <sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. <sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

**The Bible is the story of God and His love for people.**

God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful: he makes saints out of sinners. -  
Soren Kierkegaard

### Building Blocks Of Our Faith

#### 1. God Existed Before Time: God created the beginning.

- **Psalm 90:2** *Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.*
- **John 17:4** *"Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.*

## 2. The Nature of the Divine is Creative

- **Creation is the bringing of thought into ACTION.**
  - **Jeremiah 1:5** *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."*
  - **Eph. 1:4** *For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love*

God's Spirit **ANIMATES** Creation Through A Word

### Understanding the Fullness of Creation

1. **Filled with Light: Light is the Revelator of TRUTH.**
  - a. **John 8:12** *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*
2. **Full of Life: What God Creates Lives**
  - a. **Job 33:4** *"The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life."*

**We are created in his image and are called to RECREATE His image on earth. (Phil 2:15)**

### Questions For The Journey

1. Where in your life would you like to see God create something out of what seems like nothing?
2. Do you find it hard to believe that God knew, loved and had a purpose for you before the creation of time and space?
3. Are there areas of darkness in your life that need light?
4. What does "pursuing life mean to you?"
5. Where are some places in your life where God might be calling you to co-create with him?

### **Extra Verses For Media Team**

**Phil 2:15** Become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky

**Eph 5:8-13** For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

**John 10:10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.