



# ANCHORED TO TRUTH

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH

## LESSON 2: DESIGN

### Reading:

- ☐ Genesis 2
- ☐ Psalm 139:14
- ☐ Ecclesiastes 12:13
- ☐ Romans 11:36
- ☐ Colossians 1:16-17
- ☐ Colossians 3:17

**Anchor Verse:** *Attempt to memorize the following verse.*

*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

Genesis 1:26

### Introductions:

**What do I want to do with my life?** It's the question we begin to ponder as high school graduation grows near. We all have a desire to do something meaningful. To leave the world a better place than it was before we got here. To make a difference for good.

If you look to the world to define what is a man or woman and what is the purpose of life, it's hard to find an answer these days. There is one place that gives a definitive answer for these questions, and that's the Holy Bible.

Scripture tells us that we are different from any other being in the animal kingdom. We share a special relationship with God that is unique in all of creation because we bare His very image. The doctrine of God's design is foundational to the Christian faith.

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### God's Perfect Design:

Chapter 2 of Genesis gives us a closer view of God's design of creation. Everything else God spoke into existence, but He created man from the dust and breathed life into him. He planted a garden, Eden, and designed rivers to flow into and water the garden. He put man in the garden to work it and keep it. Then God made woman because it is not good that the man should be alone.



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To believe that God created everything is to believe that God had purpose and order for His design of men and women and the world around us. To suggest that everything was created by chance would give no purpose or order to the world.

We are not just a clump of cells or material floating in the atmosphere as the world would have us believe. Our lives have value and worth to our Creator. We are given a purpose and responsibility - to know, love, and obey God. We live out our created purpose when we live in fellowship with God, are obedient to His Word, and love others as Scripture defines it. To not do so leaves us longing for fulfillment in all the wrong things.

*The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. Ecclesiastes 12:13*

**What does it mean to be created in the image of God?  
How does that influence our view of human worth?**

Scripture details God's design for man and woman, for the church, and for government for the purpose of God's glory. It is only when we choose to live under the authority of God, surrendering to His design, that we honor Him in whatever we do.

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17*

*For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11:36*

### Jesus Sighting:

Scripture tells us that all things were created through and for Jesus.

*For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:16-17*

### Reflection:

Is there an area of God's design that you struggle to surrender to - gender, marriage, the church, government? If so, confess your struggle to God and ask Him to give you understanding.

### Next Lesson:

Why do I struggle to live my created purpose?