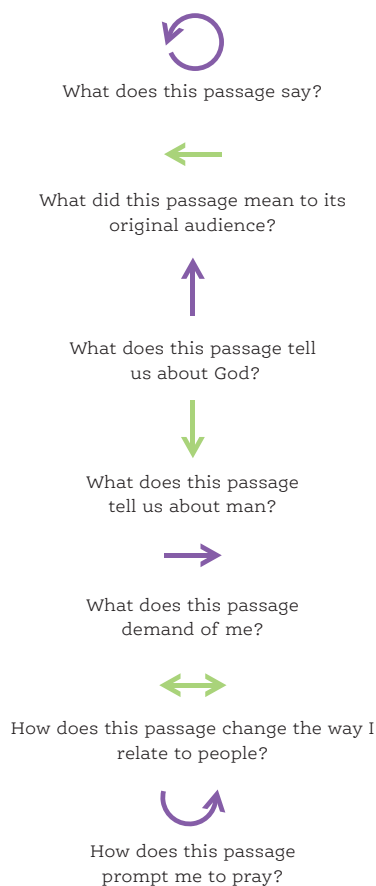




## DAILY DEVOTIONS

### THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLE READING



DAY 01

## GENESIS 1:26-31

HOW ARE WE, AS HUMANS, DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF CREATION?

HOW SHOULD KNOWING EVERYONE IS MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE SHAPE OUR RELATIONSHIPS? OUR ATTITUDES?

God has given every human being tremendous dignity and a royal task. We, by our nature, reflect God's attributes in our capacities, actions, and relationships. Of course we don't reflect God's glory perfectly; in fact, we don't even come close (see Rom. 3:23; Isa. 59:2). In Unit 2, we will unpack just how far we have fallen from reflecting God's goodness, love, and justice. It is also important to note that our God offers to redeem and renew His image in us through Jesus (see Col. 1:15-23). For now, however, it is important that we acknowledge God's beautiful design for us. Every human being, including you, has tremendous potential to make a difference in the world for the glory of God and the good of their neighbors.

## DAY 02

# GENESIS 2:1-3

These verses illustrate the foundation of the Sabbath, further developed in Exodus. While the Sabbath is Saturday, Christians would come to observe this day of rest on Sunday, based on when Jesus rose from the dead. While we don't need to observe many of the strict rules ancient Jews had in regard to the Sabbath, at least the principle of resting regularly still remains. The Sabbath is a gift from God that reminds us that we're created not only to work, but also to rest and enjoy His good world.

**GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL AND DOES NOT NEED TO REST. WHY DO YOU THINK HE CHOSE TO REST ON THE SEVENTH DAY?**

**WHAT DOES GOD COMMANDING US TO REST ON A REGULAR BASIS TELL US ABOUT HIM?**

**WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO REST WELL?**

## DAY 03

# GENESIS 2:4-17

While God's work of creation is outlined in Genesis 1, Genesis 2 does something really helpful for us. Here, Moses does a deep dive into God's creation of human beings. God lovingly breathed the breath of life into humans and gave us more detail on our royal task. This passage also tells us about God's design for work. While we might think of work as frustrating, annoying, or even a necessary evil, that was not God's design. Have you ever worked really hard on a project that was really satisfying and enjoyable? That's a lot closer to the kind of work Adam and Eve experienced in the garden. Work is a gift. God showed us what good work looks like in Genesis 1, and here, He lovingly invites us to join Him in the project of working in a way that honors Him and improves the lives of our neighbors.

**DO YOU THINK OF WORK AS A GIFT? WHY OR WHY NOT?**

**MORE THAN A PART-TIME JOB, WHAT WORK MIGHT GOD BE LEADING YOU TO? HOW MIGHT YOU DO IT WELL?**

DAY 04

## GENESIS 2:18-23

**WHAT IS NOT GOOD (V. 18)? WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT GOD'S DESIGN FOR US?**

**WHILE MARRIAGE MAY SEEM A LONG WAY OFF, WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER GOD'S DESIGN FOR IT NOW?**

More than just a passage about marriage, Genesis 2:18 reminds us that God created us for relationships. While marriage is a unique and profound human relationship that God has a specific design for, this passage reminds us to make the most of all our human relationships. Who has God placed in your life to encourage and guide you? Who has He placed in your life to be your friend? Who can you encourage? Take a moment to pray, thanking God for the people He has placed in your life for your good and asking Him to use you to be a blessing to others.

DAY 05

## PSALM 8:1-9

In this Psalm, David is reflecting on Genesis 1-2 as He considers both God's glory in creation and the tremendous dignity and potential that God has given human beings. The point of these verses is not to exalt human beings, but rather to exalt the God who made them.

**WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT GOD?**

**WHAT DOES IT TELL US ABOUT GOD'S DESIGN FOR HUMAN BEINGS?**

**HOW COULD YOU PRAISE AND HONOR GOD FOR THE WAY HE HAS DESIGNED YOU THIS WEEK?**