

THE BOOK OF GENESIS

How it relates to service?

FUN FACTS!



- When was The Book of Genesis written?
 - Approximately 1500 years before the the birth of Our Lord
- Who wrote The Book of Genesis?
 - Moses

CHAPTER 1-

- Part 1 summary-
 - “The earth was without form and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” Gen 1:2
 - How does the beginning of time relate to our lives?
 - How would we have reacted if we were in Adam’s shoes (or sandals) at that time?
 - “Then God said ‘Let there be light’ and there was light” Gen 1:3
 - How are we born in the light?

AND HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO MY SERVICE EXACTLY!!!

- We are called to –“Be perfect just as your father in heaven is perfect” Matthew 5:48
- A servant is role-model but most importantly a servant!
 - ^wait HUH??
 - How do we live a life of purity?
 - Repentance vs confession ← BRUH those aren't synonyms?
 - Example of repentance- Story of Noah

CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED

“AHH COME-ON THERE’S MORE”

- What was the order of how God created nature around us?
 - Moses highlights that God created grass THEN herbs THEN the trees that produce fruit
 - Why would God create things in such an order and many years/days/weeks before he created humanity?
 - Patience
 - Wisdom
 - Judgment (Do not judge)

CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED

1. Patience

- In relation to our personal life.
 - Spiritual growth is a marathon!
 - When will I be ready to meet God? Microscope analogy
 - Spiritual growth vs. emotional up-lifting

CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED

1. Patience

- In relation to our service-
 - Do not wait to reap the fruits of your labour
 - Plant the seed and continue to water it, regardless of when the seed sprouts.
 - Example of patience-
 - Abraham
 - When you wait, the “reward” is more meaningful
 - Genesis 26:13

CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED

2. Wisdom

- How can we extrapolate wisdom from grass and herbs?
 - Each person has to be fed according to their needs
 - Malnourishment or suffocation
- How do we attain wisdom
 - Experience and discernment are important but...
 - Most importantly- PRAYER
 - Solomon prayed for- Wisdom
 - Wisdom Fraction

CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED

ALMOST THERE I PROMISE

3. Do not Judge

- How many different kinds of plants, fruits or animals has God created?
- Do we all share the same taste buds? Have the same hobbies and interests?
- There are different services and each requires a different set of talents!
- Service vs. your job/career- is there a difference?
- Who is being affected when you slack on your service?
 - Primarily us
 - Those you serve – potential stumbling block

CHAPTER 2

ONLY 145 MORE CHAPTERS TO GO---- TO REACH HALF WAY MARK

- What major event happens in chapter 2?
 - God created man in His image and likeness.
 - How did God create us?
 - Genesis 2:7
 - But why would God mix dirt with His Breath of Life?

LET'S SKIP THE NEXT FEW CHAPTERS....

- In summary, how does The Book of Genesis relate to service?
 - Story of Noah- teaches us repentance
 - Abraham- teaches us patience
 - Wisdom and discernment
 - Do not judge
 - Remember- you are created in the image and likeness of God but do not forget where you came from

SUMMARY

- The Book of Genesis-
 - Started with beginning of time and creation of humanity
 - Then follows the path of downward spiral of humanity during Noah's time
 - Then generations of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
 - Story of Joseph-
 - Genesis 50: 19-20 explains God takes what is bad and turns it to good.
 - How does the overall theme of the book relate to our lives?

QUESTIONS??

- If there are any....
 - Direct them to Abouna 😊