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Authentic Identity  
“Work of God”

### Who are we? Why are we?

- We are reflections of our creator, to bring Him glory in the world
- We are created from God and for God. A Child of God.

### Where are we?

- Relationship with God, Relationship with Others, Relationship with Earth / other parts of creation.

*“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.” So, God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God, he created them; male and female he created them.*

*Then God blessed them and said, “Be **fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground...The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to **tend and watch over it.*****

Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15

### The Significance of Being Made in the Image of God

- UNIQUENESS of humans in creation -To continue the creative work of God
  - ⇒ Creation / Imagination / Expansion
  - ⇒ Work / Development / Production
  - ⇒ Authority / Entrusted / Accountability

The Work of God in this world – is in participation and partnership with us

God’s design for our identity includes Work. Glorifying God and serving my neighbor by investing my life for the blessing of others.

*“I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”* Genesis 12:2-3

### To worship is to give your life in surrender for His Glory

*“For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.”* Romans 11:36, 12:1

Our life is a test & a trust. What do you work for?

Temptation: to live and work for self

### To bring God glory is to Worship God. Work is a form of Worship.

*“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ”*

Colossians 3:23-24