

The Heart of the Story

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In the Beginning...

Doesn't the word "beginning" have many positive connotations about it? In the "beginning" anything is possible!! There is hope in abundance! Think back a moment to all the beginnings in your life...the first day of high school, the first date, the first time you drove by yourself, your marriage day, the delivery of that first child, the first day of a new job...the thought of these "beginnings" initially brings warm thoughts that soon give way to thoughts of "the day after". Sometimes it isn't long before those initial feelings of hope and anticipation turn into thoughts of despair and drudgery. What happens? The reality of life sets in - high school becomes about homework & gossip, that first date falls short of you who you thought he/she was, driving becomes about insurance & the cost of gas, spouses reveal habits nobody ever dreamed of, our children grow up too fast & leave us, and well, new jobs lose their luster due to co-workers, too much work and not enough pay, ...I could go on...but, I think you get the picture.

As we read the story of creation, we can just feel God's excitement and anticipation!

The dark disappears & his light is revealed. He breathes life into existence! Just picture it - no brown leaves, no illness, no rain, no sin - everything picture perfect! And then comes the "day after". As I read the story of creation, I can't help but remember that the whole time God was creating he knew there would be the "day after". He loved us so much that He even planned for the "day after". How do we know that? In the Book of John written over 2500 years later, we find those precious words again..."In the beginning"! And what follows reminds us that yes, anything is possible & yes, there is hope in abundance!

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God **in the beginning**. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness..." John 1:1-5*

Once we claim that promise, each "day after" is no longer hopeless!! We realize that the days of high school were simple times, the first date is

remembered fondly, we thank God we are able to drive & get where we need to go, our spouse's bad habits don't bother us so much anymore, we realize the most important act of parenthood is setting our children free, and that job - we are so thankful to have it!

Each morning as we wake, we can choose to either have a "day after" day or a day full of the wonder, hope and joy...an "in the beginning" day.

Have a day full of His beginnings!!

Blessings,

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*"In the beginning **GOD**"*

Genesis 1:1

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