

The Heart of the Story

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God Made You & Me...

GENESIS 1:26-2:7

So many of us search a lifetime pondering, "Who am I?"... "Why am I here?"

I have good news! The answers to those questions & more can be found in black & white (sometimes red) in God's Word—the Holy Bible.

We tend to take something so simple & make it so complicated. Genesis 2:7 says it so beautifully!!

How were we formed?

"Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into man's nostrils, and man became a living person." (NLV)

He breathed & we came to life!! Without His breath of life we are dust.

Who are we to be like?

"...for in the image of God has God made man."

Gen. 9:6b

God has made us in His image...no other!

What is our purpose? This is where at times we really get lost...

"...everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." Isaiah 43:7

Somehow, we have bought into the fact that we are to focus on bringing ourselves glory. Scripture clearly tells us that we are created to bring **HIM** glory! I love these words of Rick Warren, "You were made by God & for God, & until we understand that, life will never make sense!" So simple, huh? But the minute our focus blurs the lines of this truth, the more complicated & off-track our lives become.

To know that we are His, made by Him & for Him is foundational to life. It's so important that we instill these truths into our hearts & souls and into those of our children. If left to the world, the world will tell us we are not worthy, that we are less than we should be, that we are useless. But His Word tells us...

"For you created my inmost

being, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Psalms 139:13-14

No more pondering or searching in all the wrong places, the answers are clear. We are His—it is His breath that lives & breathes in us & we were created for HIS purpose!

You are who you are for a reason
You are part of an intense plan.

You're a precious & perfect unique design, called God's special woman or man.

You look like you look for a reason.
Our God made no mistake. He knit you together within the womb,
You're just what He wanted to make.

The parents you have are the ones He chose, and no matter how you feel, They were custom-designed with God's plan in mind, and they bear the Master's seal.

No, the trauma you faced was not easy, and God wept that it hurt you so; But it was allowed to shape your heart so that into His likeness you'd grow.

You are who you are for a reason,
You've been formed by the Master's rod. You are who you are, beloved,
because there is a God.—

Russell Kelfer

Blessings,

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