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**NEVER READ A BIBLE VERSE\***

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*  
Genesis 1:27

**Four: Creation**

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\*Without Context.

TODAY'S VERSES:

- Genesis 2:1-2
- Galatians 4:19
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Genesis 1:27
- Exodus 20:4
- Ecclesiastes 1:5
- Psalms 93:1
- 1 Chronicles 16:30
- Isaiah 66:1-2
- Exodus 39 & 40

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RECAP & DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What is God's aim in telling the creation narrative the way He does? It is correcting the understanding of His people, so they know that there is ONE TRUE GOD who made everything. God telling the story in Genesis makes some important distinctions from the other stories His people may have been indoctrinated to in Egypt. Other creation stories all portray the gods as violent deities who fight with each other; they don't care about human beings at all. Genesis tells of a God who is entirely unlike any other gods:

1. There is ONE single God who has made relational promises to be with His people.
  2. The God in the Genesis narrative doesn't need ANYONE ELSE to help in creation.
  3. God creates mankind in His IMAGE, meaning they have dignity and worth. He doesn't NEED us to provide for Him, He provides for us.
  4. The God of ALL creation entrusted His image bearers with the task of caring for the creation rather than creating them to serve His whims.
- What is your view of creation?
  - What is it we need to know from Genesis 1:1?
  - Why do we spend so much time trying to figure out the unknowable from this verse?
  - Why does God make every human being in His image?
  - How should this truth fundamentally and radically change how we view every other person?
  - How do you need to repent for not seeing God's image in somebody else?
  - How can we learn and grow in trust/faith from what Genesis says, even if our culture doesn't understand?

ASK US: ***What questions do you have that you want to ask us about this topic/verses covered?***