The Redemptive *Journey*

STORY, NOT SPEED.

FREE SAMPLE · WEEK 1

In the *Beginning*

Read daily, but lightly.
One passage a day, read slowly. No need to rush or master everything.

Pay attention to the story.
Where are we in the story? What is God revealing about Himself? How does this lead us toward Christ?

Miss a day? Just rejoin.
Day 7 is a Grace & Reflection Day: rest, pray, or linger in what you've read.

MOVEMENT 1

Creation, Fall, and the Need for Redemption

The Bible begins with God, the eternal Creator of all things. By His Word, He brings the heavens and the earth into existence, ordering His creation according to His wisdom and declaring it good. Humanity is created to bear His image, live in fellowship with Him, and exercise faithful stewardship over what He has made.

Yet the goodness of creation is soon disrupted by human rebellion. Sin enters the world, bringing guilt, alienation, suffering, and death. Still, God's purposes are not abandoned. Even in judgment, He begins revealing His gracious intention to redeem a people for Himself. From the opening chapters of Genesis, we begin to see why the world needs a Savior and why the coming of Jesus Christ is such glorious news.

WEEK 1 · IN THE BEGINNING

Before there was anything, God was. He speaks, and creation comes into existence. Everything He makes reveals His wisdom, power, and goodness. Humanity receives a particular dignity and responsibility as those made in His image. As we begin this journey, we want to see the world as Scripture presents it: created by God, sustained by God, and intended for His glory. And even here, at the very beginning, the New Testament helps us recognize the centrality of Jesus Christ in God's purposes.

DAY 1 **Genesis 1:1–13**

The Bible begins with a remarkable declaration: “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Before we learn anything about ourselves, we are introduced to the One who made us. God speaks, and light appears. He separates, orders, and fills what He has made. Nothing happens by accident or outside His authority. As we begin this journey, we’re invited to recognize the God whose Word brings life and whose purposes govern all creation.

DAY 2 **Genesis 1:14–31**

God continues filling His creation with life, and repeatedly declares His work good. Then comes something remarkable: He creates humanity in His own image. Men and women are given dignity, purpose, and responsibility as those who represent their Creator in the world He has made. Our worth begins here, with the God who made us for Himself.

DAY 3 **Psalm 104:1–35**

The psalmist looks at the created world and responds with worship. The heavens, mountains, waters, animals, and changing seasons all testify to God’s wisdom and care. Creation depends upon Him for life and provision. The God who made everything continues to sustain everything. As we read, we’re invited to see the ordinary world around us as a daily reminder of His extraordinary goodness.

DAY 4 **John 1:1–14**

John takes us back to the opening words of Genesis: “In the beginning.” But now we learn something astonishing about the One through whom creation came into existence. The eternal Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made through Him. And this same Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus Christ is central to God’s purposes from the very beginning. The Creator has entered His creation to bring light and life to a world that desperately needs Him.

DAY 5 **Colossians 1:15–20; Hebrews 1:1–4**

Paul and the writer of Hebrews help us see the glory of Jesus Christ. All things were created through Him and for Him, and He upholds the universe by His powerful Word. Yet the One through whom everything exists is also the One who makes purification for sins and reconciles all things through the blood of His cross. The story of redemption is centered upon the very One through whom creation began.

DAY 6

Psalm 33:1–11; Proverbs 8:22–31; Genesis 2:1–3

The Lord created by His Word, and His purposes stand forever. Proverbs celebrates the wisdom displayed in creation, while Genesis tells us that God rested from His completed work and blessed the seventh day. His rest declares the goodness and completeness of what He made. As we consider these passages together, we're reminded that creation belongs to the Lord, His wisdom is beyond measure, and His purposes will stand.

DAY 7 · GRACE & REFLECTION

This week we've encountered the God who made all things, sustains all things, and has revealed Himself through His Son, Jesus Christ. Before the Bible tells us what went wrong with the world, it shows us the goodness of the One who made it.

Take some time to consider what creation reveals about God's character. How might remembering that you were made in His image change the way you see yourself and those around you? And how does knowing that all things were created through and for Jesus shape your understanding of His place in your life?

There is no additional reading today. Enjoy the opportunity to reflect, pray, and worship the God who made you.

FROM THE DIGITAL COMPANION · WEEK 1, DAY 5

The Word Who Made All Things Has Come Near

When we think about creation, we often think of something God did “back then”, or “long ago”, at the beginning of the story. Genesis opens with a familiar and powerful declaration: “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). By His word, light breaks into darkness, order emerges from chaos, and life begins to flourish.

But Scripture does not leave creation in the past.

This week, we’re invited to see creation through a fuller lens… to recognize that the God who spoke the world into existence has not remained distant from it. He has entered it.

John opens his Gospel by intentionally echoing Genesis: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God… All things were made through him” (John 1:1–3). The same divine Word who called light into being is not merely a force or principle. He is a person. And astonishingly, “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14).

This is the heart of the Christian confession: the Creator has come near.

The full reflection, and two or three like it each week, come with the Digital Companion.

Keep walking. The full plan opens Tuesday, December 1.

A redemptive-historical, chronological journey through the whole Old Testament: one manageable passage a day, with a Grace & Reflection Day every week.

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