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Genesis 1.26-31

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What do you see when you look in the mirror, unruly or grey hair, freckles, wrinkles that weren't there yesterday? What do you see when you look out your window or as you drive along in the car? Maybe it's just the pile of leaves that need to be raked, the mole holes in the beautiful green lawn, or the trash along the side of the road. How about when you look at the person who stepped in front of you in line at the market or the child riding her bike in the road in front of your car? Do you see irritations that are intruding into your day?

Let's take a step back. The first chapter of the book of Genesis is this amazing unfolding of the first glimpse into the nature of God. In his goodness and creativity, he brings forth a world filled with all manner of good things: the heaven and the earth, light and darkness, the sea and dry land, the moon, and stars. With all his might and power God fills the sky with the sun, the moon and stars. Greater and greater still he grows his amazing world. He fills it with vegetation and all kinds of living beings.

Here at the end of the chapter we read of his crowning glory. God creates human beings in his own image, to reflect the very nature of God himself. He blesses them and gives them the command to "take charge."

Take a closer look next time you see your reflection in the mirror. See beyond the annoyances as you view the world around you. Look deeply into the eyes of the people in your path.

Creator and creative God let you light shine so brightly in my life today that I might not miss even one of your wonders all around me. Help me be fully present, today, as I move through my day, being surrounded by your every present Love.

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