



Created to Rule

Genesis 1:26-28

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Pray: Lord, I pray they will see themselves as the Rulers You Created them to be. That they would allow your Holy Spirit to align their minds and hearts with You and your design.

From PB&J: Is. 54:2-5 **Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.**³ For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.

Gen. 1:26-28 NIV ⁴ **“Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood.** ⁵ For your Maker is your husband—the LORD Almighty is his name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.”

In order to SHINE you must rule!

Foundational Scriptures we are building on are:

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind **in our image, in our likeness**, so **that they may rule over** the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,^[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; **male and female he created them.** ²⁸ **God blessed them** and said to them, “**Be fruitful** and increase in number (**produce**); fill the earth and **subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.**”

Verse 26 is so pivotal to our identity!

Being created in God’s Image, to be like the Trinity... Father, Son & Holy Spirit!!!

Last week we talked about, “no matter how many counselors or sessions you go to, self-help programs you attend, studying you do to explore your identity, achieve great accomplishments, or do good deeds you will not find your true identity and purpose until you understand the true nature of The One in whom you are created in the image of! These are all good things to do, but they will prove empty in the final analysis, because they are not the foundation upon which identity was created.”

- All these areas are an expression of what our identity is formed in!

V.26 says, “in our image, to be like us”

V.27 “...God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them...”

When you really want someone to get what you are saying, you repeat it! (God says it twice, 2 different ways, He really wants us to get it!)

V.28 What is the 1st thing God does after creating Man & Woman?

“God blessed them!”

*This speaks volumes about His nature & yours! * God is a good God; everything he does is out of a nature of love and blessing!

- When we see God this way, it revolutionizes how we see Him, ourselves and others!
- This one revelation of God’s nature, of which you are created in the image of, will totally change how you see, think and act!

Twice God commands us to “RULE OVER”! He’s given us charge and authority to RULE

rule: (from google)

noun: (A RULE IS) one of a set of explicit or understood regulations or principles governing conduct within a particular activity or sphere.

- a principle that operates within a particular sphere of knowledge, describing or prescribing what is possible or allowable.

(A Ruler has) control of or dominion over an area or people.



(WHEN YOU RULE YOU)

Verb: 1. exercise ultimate power or authority over (an area and its people).

[govern](#), preside over, [control](#), [lead](#), [run](#), [head](#), [administer](#),

synonym [manage](#) ~ be in power, be in control, be in command, be in charge, [govern](#); [reign](#)

(A RULER) “pronounces authoritatively”

(RULERS) “have a particular influence over (a house, aspect of life, etc.).”

The only way we can effectively **RULE OVER** anything, is to be **UNDER God’s rule!**

- Ladies, if you really want to be free, open your heart and mind to understand God’s true nature of LOVE & GRACE!

*What we are studying goes back to, “a way of seeing!”

- How will you choose to see?

Matt. 6:22-23 NLT ²²“Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is good, your whole body is filled with light.”

Verse 23 is a perfect illustration of one who is deceived!

“But when your eye is bad, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!”

- Do you think there is deception in our culture and even the Church about sexuality?

*So HOW do we see, so our eyes and body are filled with His light?

- How can we truly SHiNE with His glory?!

Rom. 12:1&2 NLT “And so, dear brothers and sisters,^[a] I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.^[b] ² Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

- This is where we change for the better, letting God paint the truth of His love and design upon our hearts, the canvas of our lives.
- THIS is how we SHiNE with His glory!

Prov. 23:7a KJV encourages us, “For as a man thinks in his heart, so *is* he.”

*How many of you remember last semester talking about mindsets and how they affect how we see?

- Do you remember the, “midline shift” I had from my accident in 2013? My mindset affected how I saw, which affected how I walked! I could see the what, but my where was off, which caused me to see things that weren’t there, to be paranoid, hit my knuckles, affected my short term memory, made me tired, and feel like I was going crazy!
- That is such a picture of where we are today regarding sexuality.
- We see the what, but have lost perspective of where it has come from and what His design for sexuality is.
- It’s no big deal to change your hairstyle or color in a myriad of ways with the passing fads, but to change your sexual identity, of which there were only created 2, this is core to who God made us to be, it is detrimental to the individual and the culture!!!
- There is so much gender confusion today that our young people especially do not have any grid of God’s design anymore.
 - This leads to the loss of identity & purpose, leading to anger or complacency, and eventually depression and in some cases suicide.
- In our culture our young people are breathing the toxic air of humanism where people are being their own god.
 - This leads to an emptiness, feeling hopeless and without purpose.

- We must love them, live the Truth, pray for them and keep speaking the truth in love whenever we have the opportunity.

When a baby is born, and you know both mother and baby are ok, what is the first question you ask?

- “Is it a boy or a girl?”

At the core God chose to design and make us as either, male or female.

- Gender identity is formed in the heart and mind of God, not man!

We are all curious in some way about our humanity, our purpose, sexuality and connection with God and others.

As we study God’s Word to better understand His design for womanhood, **we first look at The One in whom we are created in the image of, and what His intentions are.**

Gen. 1:26-28 are our foundational Bible verses for this semester.

God is calling us to ALIGN WITH HIS DESIGN!

- The Holy Spirit is available to undo that which is not God’s design in our lives & to work in us His love, forgiveness and truth of His beautiful design.
- God is good, He is a giver, helper and mighty warrior, He is jealous for you, your biggest fan and encourager. Do you see Him that way?
- As we come to this study, let’s submit ourselves to God, His Word and Spirit’s work in our lives.

*May we be open to the Lord and His Truth about anything that has been painted upon the canvas of your lives that is not from God, about ourselves, others or God himself.

- May it be identified by the truth of His Word and His Holy Spirit. That each one of us would be humble and teachable, an open canvas for Him to paint His beautiful feminine design on.
- Are you willing to trust your Creator, Encourager and One who Loves you more than anyone to paint His beautiful design upon the canvas of your life?
- This will empower you to be and do, in joy and strength, that which He has created you to be and do?



Barbara Mouser says,

“To rule means to make authoritative decisions regarding a matter’s course and destiny.”

So, “To effectively rule over your domain, you must think of yourself as a decision-maker, a manager with authority.” (5 Aspects p. 21)

- In order to rule, we must have something to rule! A domain.

*Your domain is any area under your rule.

Ask the Ladies: What are some areas you have authority to make decisions regarding the course or destiny that’s under your rule?

Your home: laundry, dishes, meals;

Your body: hair, clothes, exercise, nutrition;

Your relationships: parents, siblings, friends, boyfriend, husband, children;

Your thought life: God, others or self-focused, I’m accepted or rejected;

Your spirit: God’s truth or lies

Your heart: Is it...Wholehearted, halfhearted or heartless

Colossians 3:15 (NLT)¹ “And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.”

- What we “let” happen or keep from happening is a big part of ruling isn’t it?!
- Are you LETTING the **peace of God rule** in your mind and life?

If you are, it will affect your home, body, relationships, thoughts, spirit and heart!

This is RULING, choosing to have the RULE of God in your mind, heart and life!

*You Are Created To Rule!

Let's say that together: "I'm created to rule."

- What are you allowing to rule in your thoughts, heart, life & home?
- Have you ever heard the phrase, "Not to decide is to decide?"
 - I first heard that in 1999 when I went through the Aspects and it has been woven into my life, and pops up often.

Ex. If I decide to do my laundry, I'm ruling that area of my domain and bringing order to it.

If I decide **not** to do my laundry, what am I deciding to do?

- That's right, I'm not ruling that area of my domain and I'm letting disorder rule instead.
- I'm deciding to be without clean clothes for my family and me!

Not to decide is to decide.

*How does God rule?

He created the heavens, earth, all that's in the earth, including us; He set everything in motion; and gave us authority to rule and reign.

The first thing God does is give us something to do, to rule, to emulate Him; and He blesses us in it.

Since we are created in God's image, we are created to create!

What are you creating with what God has given to you?

Ex. A home marked by order or disorder, peace or strife, joy or anger?

- In Gen. 1:28 God tells us to, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth."
- You could call it **producing!**

The first meaning this passage is referring to is having children. Think about it ladies, this is a sacred and miraculous way God has entrusted us to produce with Him, to bring forth His image bearers! We'll talk more about this in our study, "Give Life."

*However that is not the only way we produce, in any area we bring forth multiplication and value, one of the most important being sharing Christ. We may produce excellence at our occupation, with music, training a horse, decorating, cooking and hospitality or when I was a girl... milking a cow.

- Once we produce, God calls us to subdue.

Subdue - to bring under control and keep under control by diligently maintaining.

- When our first child came, after he got a few months old, to change his diaper I had to subdue him!
- Every morning I have to subdue my hair!
- Just think of all the areas you are subduing right now in your life! All the areas you are ruling over have many areas that need to be subdued!

***When I was a girl** growing up on the farm, we had an acer garden that we all worked in to make fruitful.

- We had to subdue the fallow ground to make it fertile, subdue the weeds that would try to overtake it and to diligently tend it so our garden could produce.

Food For Thought:

Early on in our marriage my Grandmother shared a very wise and valuable principle about food with me that has influenced how I've eaten and prepared food for our family. We were talking on the phone, because she lived in North Carolina and we in CO, she said, "When preparing meals for your family, keep it as close to nature as possible." For me that was a small statement that had a big impact.

Do you see food as a domain to rule?

- Have you ever pondered the fact that with Adam and Eve it was the **fruit**, or **produce** of two different trees that determined if we would live forever or die?
- What tree are you “**eating**” out of today, “The Tree of Life” or “The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil?”
- What can we create with the produce of the earth that honors God, our bodies and gives Him glory?

“God designed the world so men could complete what He started. As they complete what He started, their humanity is fulfilled and God is glorified.” 5 Aspects p.22

- Think about it: If we do not complete what God started, what happens to humanity and God’s glory in the earth? Entropy, it declines into disorder.

Prov. 25:2 AMP

“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.”

“ In one sense the creation is a game of divine hide and seek. God has hidden incredible things in His universe; this is a glory to Him. The great among us will search them out. This is a glory to us. Radio waves are something else God hid. They were here for thousands of years. Nobody knew it. Then they were discovered and turned into a worldwide communications network.” 5 Aspects p. 22

*Have you ever wondered why God first turned our attention to the world?

It is the material he used to create man,

Genesis 2:7 (AMP) ” then the LORD God ^[a]formed [that is, created the body of] man from the ^[b]dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being [an individual complete in body and spirit].”

*We need the earth to sustain life it's what we're made of, and it nurtures us.

*The earth needs us. Is. 45:18 (NLT)¹⁸ For the LORD is God, and he created the heavens and earth and put everything in place. He made the world to be lived in, not to be a place of empty chaos. "I am the LORD," he says, "and there is no other."

The world is where we first discover God!

- When a baby is born it cannot understand the vastness of its parents, but over years of nurture, growth and submitting to their authority they discover the love, grace and wisdom of their parents.
- Then it is their turn to be the parents and raise an image bearer of God up in their image. The world/home is a wonderful and safe place to do that!

We are God's representatives here on earth; He has empowered us with the authority to rule it for Him.

We are compatible with the earth in what we need and what it produces in the way of produce, light, gravity and the animals.

Our responsibility is to God first, then to that which is under our rule.

In the Aspects Barbara says, "The chief drives and motives of the mistress are to rule, succeed, accomplish, and produce. For herself she wants God's approval. She wants to hear, "Well done my good and faithful servant." She wants the respect of others and self-respect based on fulfilling her duties and accomplishing her goals. She is responsible, dependable, organized, efficient, decisive, independent, persevering, and determined." 5 Aspects, p. 25

*God has created us to be independently dependent on Him!