

- Genesis 9:5 Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man.
- 6 "Whoever sheds man's blood,
- By man his blood shall be shed,
- For in the image of God He made man.
- 7 "As for you, be fruitful and multiply;
- Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."
- GOD created a beautiful world, including man, for His glory, and it was good.
- God created man and woman in His image giving great value & purpose to them.
- God blessed man & woman to reflect His glory & be fruitful stewards on earth.

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- Fill the earth with glory-reflecting image bearers who strive to make the earth a glory-yielding garden for the King
- Brokenness has led to mankind oppressing and using other men and women for personal benefit.
- The leaders coming out of our churches, with eyes fixed on the glory of God, can offer the life-giving care, protection, and guidance our world desperately needs.
- WHY, HOW & WHO we lead is very, very important.

Genesis 9:8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, 9 "Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. 11 I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth."

- ...never again...
- I Myself do establish My covenant with you...with you...
- The Bible is centered on a holy, relational God.

Genesis 9:12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I am making **between Me and you** and every living creature that is with you, for all **successive generations**; 13 I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.

- A sign of the covenant...between Me and you...a sign...
- Rainbow: The Bible is centered on a holy, relational God.

## TRUSTING GOD

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- God is completely sovereign.
- God is infinite in wisdom.
- God is perfect in love.

# Trusting God is in control, all is well with my soul.

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# Romans 8:18-19

Congregational Memory Work

January



Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would **walk** in them.

Ephesians 4:1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to **walk** in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and **walk** in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Ephesians 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

#### Questions for conversations:

- 1. How is being made in the image of God a blessing that gives you great value and purpose?
- 2. How often do you need resets? How does the Bible and church body play a role in these resets?

### Applying The Word to life until it becomes a lifestyle...

- 1. Decide an intentional way that you will spend time with God this week...a time between you and Him.
- 2. Decide an intentional way you will imitate Jesus this week.