

GENESIS

THE UPPER AND LOWER STORY









We are shaped by the story we believe....



What story is shaping you?

What story is shaping you?

The Lower Story

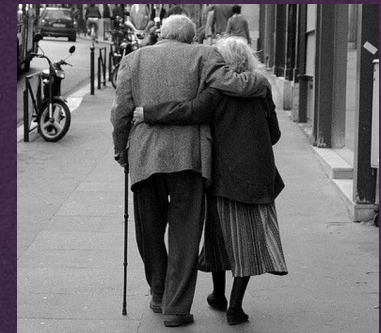


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The Upper Story



The Lower Story





God and the World – Genesis 1-11

There's a problem...

...and we need a solution



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There's a problem...

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“Did God really say...”

God and the World – Genesis 1-11

There's a problem...

...and we need a solution

The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

Genesis 6:5-6



God and the World – Genesis 1-11

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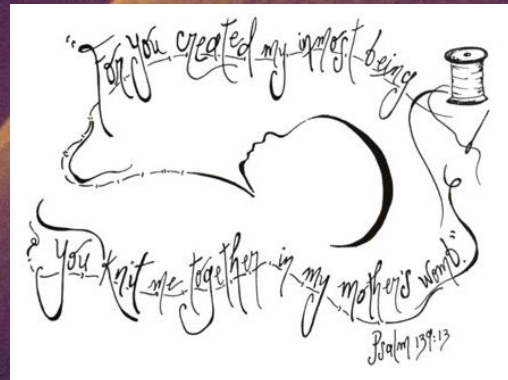
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The fallen world in 2020

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He will crush your head... - Genesis 3:15

*The Lord God made garments of skin for
Adam and
his wife and clothed them - Genesis 3:21*

*But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord -
Genesis 6:8*



God and Abraham's Family—
Genesis 12-36

The story gets personal...

God and Abraham's Family – Genesis 12-36

The story gets personal...

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

God and Abraham's Family—
Genesis 12-36

The story gets personal...

He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Genesis

15:5



God and Abraham's Family –
Genesis 12-36

The story gets personal...

**The Upper
Story**

God's plan is global

The Lower Story

*He chooses to use us in his
plan*










God and Joseph – Genesis 37-50

All things for good...



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All things for good...

The Upper
Story

*God is working all
things for his glory
and our good*

The Lower Story

*Life may not turn out like
we expect*

God and Joseph – Genesis 37-50

All things for good...

And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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