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# MADE FOR GOD Identity, Gender, Sex





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### God's Authority is Good News

- 1. Why should we care about authority?
  - 2. How does God exercise authority?
- 3. Why is God's authority good news for us?

100% true

100% peaceable

100% compassionate

100% life-giving

100% perfect

100% beautiful

100% patient

100% wise

100% faithful

100% good

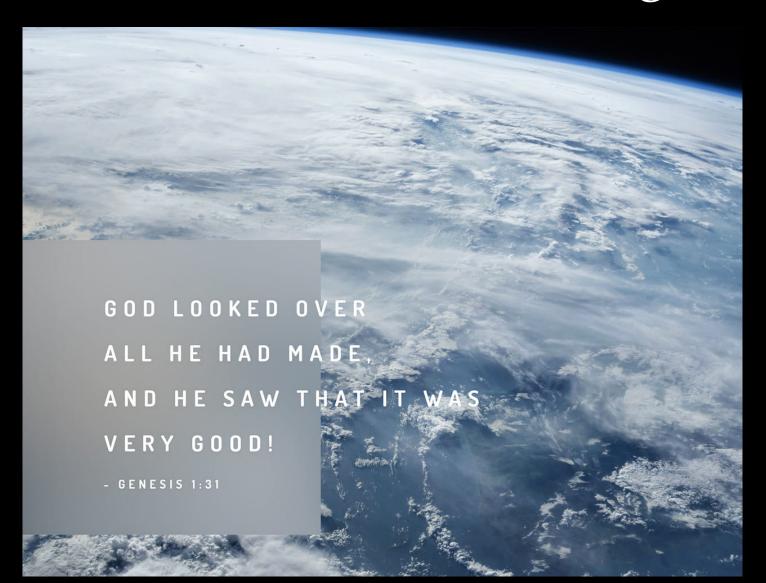
100% kind

100% consistent

100% understanding

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# "Will we be kind?" ~ Sam Johnson, 15 years old



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On Identity

Isaiah 43:6-7

6"I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

On Identity

John 10:10

<sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

#### On Dignity

#### **Genesis 1:26-28**

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." <sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them...



#### On Biology

#### Genesis 1:27-28

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

God is both unity and diversity

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, Holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

Gender is not something a person has but something a person does. It is "reiterated" rather than "received," "performed" rather than "possessed." For this reason, any notion of gender norms necessarily "operates as a preemptive and violent circumscription of reality" (Gender Trouble xxiv). In fact, she even puts forward the idea that biological sex "is as culturally constructed as gender" (9–10).

> Rob Smith Australian Theologian

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Biblical examples which illustrate this

2. The creation of people: Identity, Dignity, & Biology

- 1. One humanity as male & female
- 2. One church body comprised of many parts
- 3. One people, two ethnic/religious identities—

  Jew & Gentile
  - 4. One person comprised of body & soul

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#### Psalm 86:11

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

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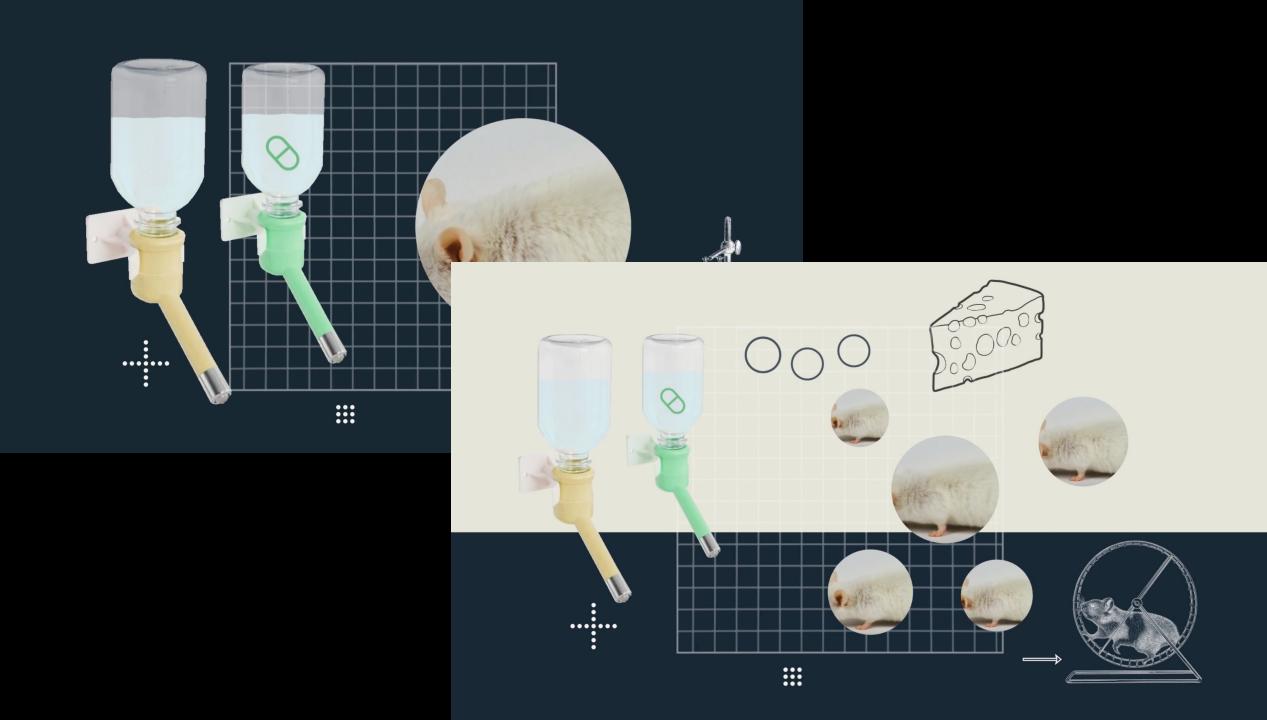
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#### As you exit

