



SERMON CHEAT SHEET

THE FIRST WORD | GENESIS 1:1-2

Main Theme: God is the loving architect of creation who invites us to trust His blueprints for our lives.

The Architect of Reality

Our modern culture constantly pressures us to invent our own identities and customize our truth. The first sentence of the Bible offers profound relief by declaring that God created the heavens and the earth. Jesus stands as the supreme architect who holds the original blueprints for your life and your identity. Recognizing God as the absolute owner of reality removes the exhausting burden of defining our own meaning.

Finding Freedom in the Boundaries

We often believe that true freedom requires us to define what is good or bad based entirely on how we feel in the moment. A football player only finds the ability to score when he stays within the painted white lines of the field. Those boundaries make the game entirely possible and give the player a safe place to use his talents. We find genuine freedom by conforming ourselves to the given order of our Creator.

The Nurturing Presence

The Spirit of God hovered over the deep waters like a protective mother bird watching over her nest. God is always personally involved with His creation and intimately cares for us. A loving father quietly checks on his sleeping children in the dark to ensure they are completely safe. You can completely trust His nurturing presence to watch over your life when everything feels unproductive and uninhabitable.

LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK

- Surrender the exhausting need to manage your personal image and choose to rest in your value as an image-bearer of God.
- Identify the healthy boundaries God has placed in your life and commit to living safely within them this week.
- Bring your chaotic places directly to God for healing and allow Him to work in the mess.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Ask God for the humility to hand over the blueprints of your life and trust His design.
- Pray for eyes to see the formless areas of your life as opportunities for God to build something beautiful.
- Seek a deep sense of peace in knowing the Spirit is actively hovering over your circumstances right now.