

# Being a potter and the clay.

Genesis: Part 3 (Genesis 1:26-31 & 2:7) Noah Largent 1/24/15



What Genesis tells us about God and life.

## Genesis 1:26-31 & 2:7

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, fashioned according

to Our likeness. And let Us grant them authority over all the earth—the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, the domesticated animals and the small creeping creatures on the earth.

(2:7 One day the Eternal God scooped dirt out of the ground, sculpted it into the shape we call human, breathed the breath that gives life into the nostrils of the human, and the human became a living soul.)

<sup>27</sup> So God did *just that*. He created humanity in His image, created them male and female. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them and gave them this directive: "Be fruitful and multiply. Populate the earth. *I make you trustees of My estate*, so care for My creation and rule over the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that roams across the earth." <sup>29</sup> Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant that grows on the earth and every fruit-bearing tree. They will be your food and nourishment. <sup>30</sup> As for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and every small creeping creature—everything that breathes the breath of life—I have given them every green plant for food. And it happened just as God said. <sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day. (NIV & The Voice translations)

Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.  
-Isaiah 64:8



## "Made in the Image of God"

### 1. Designed to REFLECT God's Priority of Relationships.

- A. Knowing everyone is made in "His likeness" influences the way I see and treat others.
- B. Being made in "His likeness" changes how I view my own self-worth.

**"rule", "subdue", "dominion" or "have authority over"**

### 2. Designed to REPRESENT God's Interest.

- A. God expects us to be good **managers**. That includes managing His created world and our own lives.
- B. God intends for you to **make** something of the world. To leave a mark on it. His immense creative power resides in each one of us.

### Going Deeper:

Where do you find that God is shaping you?

Are you resistant to the process or are you easy for Him to work with?

Clay becomes easier to shape with just the right amount water applied to it, what would it take to make it easier for God to shape you?

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