



Life is Good

INCARNATE, PART 1

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IN*CARNATE — a series about *life in our bodies!*

- Starting Point: Think of the Bible not as RULES but as a ROAD MAP to REALITY!

THE STORY OF STUFF AND US, PART 1 — Genesis 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

- It all starts with God who is, more than anything else, *love* and love is *generative, it shares, it gives itself.*

THE STORY OF STUFF AND US, PART 2 — Genesis 2

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Genesis 2:7

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:18

- The *incomplete* IMAGO is *complete*.
- Finally, God *sees His reflection* as He looks at His creation...

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²⁴ *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.*

²⁵ *And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*

Genesis 2:23–25

- ✓ In Freedom — I have a body to *freely give it back to God.*
- ✓ In Form — We have bodies to learn and show what *God is like.*
- ✓ In Relationship — We have bodies to learn and show what "*covenant love*" looks like.
- ✓ In Love — We have bodies to experience and demonstrate what *self-giving* is!

God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good.

Genesis 1:31

- This, my friends, is TOV MEHOD — bueno en gran manera — fearful and wonderful...VERY GOOD!

BUT WHY ALL THE...

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2 Corinthians 4:7

The spirit of a man can endure his sickness, but as for a broken spirit who can bear it?

Proverbs 18:14

- The BIG DECISION: You can GRIP or you can GIVE!

¹⁹ *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.*

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