

## The Meaning of Life

Ed Noble, Lead Pastor

October 4 & 6, 2013

**A SERIES ON "MEANING"** — What Jesus *positioned* His followers to be all about.

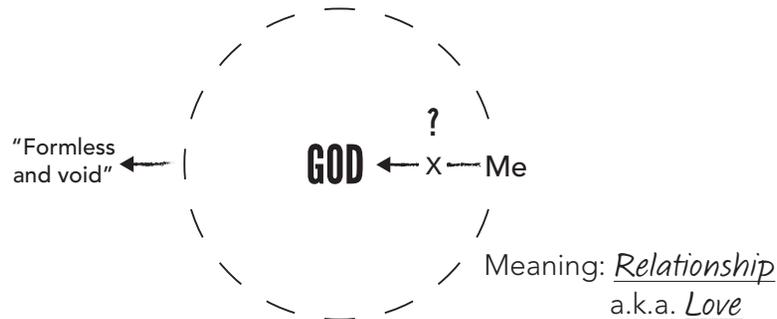
*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."*

Matthew 5:14

### THE MEANING OF... LIFE

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God (אֱלֹהִים } **elohiyim** plural) created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2

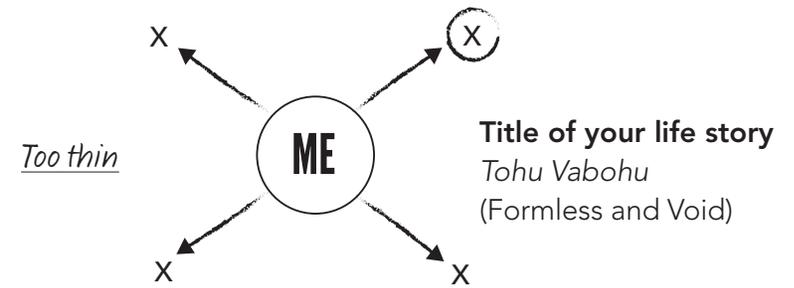


\*\* "the deep... the water" the difference is the *Spirit* — the *Presence of God* makes all the difference!

Living meaning: "I am of *unspeakable, inestimable value... I matter.*"

<sup>5</sup> "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be **like God**, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>... she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:5-6



Living meaning: "I am *seriously, irreparably broken...* HELLOOOO, *Higher Power!*"

### BACK TO GOOD... MEANING

<sup>13</sup> For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:13-17

### A LIFE WITH MEANING

1. GIVE UP... Abandon (with extreme prejudice) attempts to make sense without God as the "*interactive center.*"
2. INVITE THE LIGHT into your life and into \_\_\_\_\_ (the thing that doesn't make sense, despair, scary place.)
3. SIGN UP: Decide (again) to make the life-long journey of learning to do life with God through Jesus. Circle one. (first time... re-enlist... got to think some more... Nope)