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**TAKING
DOMINION**

Sunday Message

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Teaching Text:



(NKJV) Genesis 1:26-31

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over [a]all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that [b]moves on the earth.”

And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food”; and it was so.

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

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This week we welcomed special guest Pastor Tamara Bennett. She is the senior pastor of This Is Pentecost (TIP) church in Sacramento. Tamara brought a powerful and timely word addressing the importance of taking the dominion that we have been entrusted with since the beginning of Creation.

The COVID pandemic, and 2020 as a whole, exposed things in our lives and revealed what we have put our faith in. Not a single one of us (regardless of culture or background) was immune from the challenges that were brought forth by a very unique year. As a result, we are all now in a season of reset, reboot and rebirth.

We are in an open season of His glory and power. This next wave of His power will bring us into the next level of His authority. As men and women of God we were created with dominion over the land and its inhabitants. That is our intended purpose. We often over-complicate things but the Bible is clear on what God's intent is for our lives.

God chose us to be His people to govern His land. That is our life's purpose. Everything

about each one of us is deemed "good" by our Creator. But it is up to us to know how He has wired us and what unique gifts He has given us.

God's original purpose was for each of us to have dominion and authority. Sin entered into the world and changed our original purpose. Sin opened up the opportunity for us to choose evil over good. God never wanted that for us; He only wanted us to know His good.

Once we begin to truly comprehend our own power and authority, things will begin to change. The major shift that needs to take place is that as children of God we need to own our redemptive power. We can no longer give Satan the power to define who we are or tell us what we lack. We must know Jesus for ourselves and know the true power that has been given to us. Simply put, we must let Jesus use our life for His glory.



Discussion Guide

Emotional Health Check In:

Take a few minutes to do an emotional health check in with your Life on Life group, creating space for each person to answer the question below:

What is one thing you are looking forward to for the remainder of 2021?

If the need arises, spend a few minutes praying for one another, asking God to meet needs and help each person carry what feels heavy right now.

ENGAGE

What did 2020 expose in your life? What sort of things came to the surface?

Describe your season of reset, reboot and regrowth.

In what specific arenas has God given you dominion and authority? Do you believe you are walking in that authority?

Are you defining your life by an old story or narrative? What keeps you stuck living in the past?

ENCOUNTER

Spend a few minutes in stillness and quiet (you may want to play soaking music) in your group and ask the Holy Spirit the following question:

Holy Spirit, are there any areas where I have allowed sin to define my purpose? Please show me those areas now. What is your truth regarding my identity and your plan for my life?

If time permits, allow those who want to, to share what God spoke to them during the encounter time.

EQUIP

Take some time this week to journal and seek God's direction. Look at the areas of your life and pay attention to any areas in which you are not walking in your authority. Ask yourself if you are living powerless in any area and what may be preventing you from taking dominion. Take note of what He reveals.



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