Living in God's Story: Tracing the Story and Major Themes of the Bible

Lesson 3
Creation

I. Recap

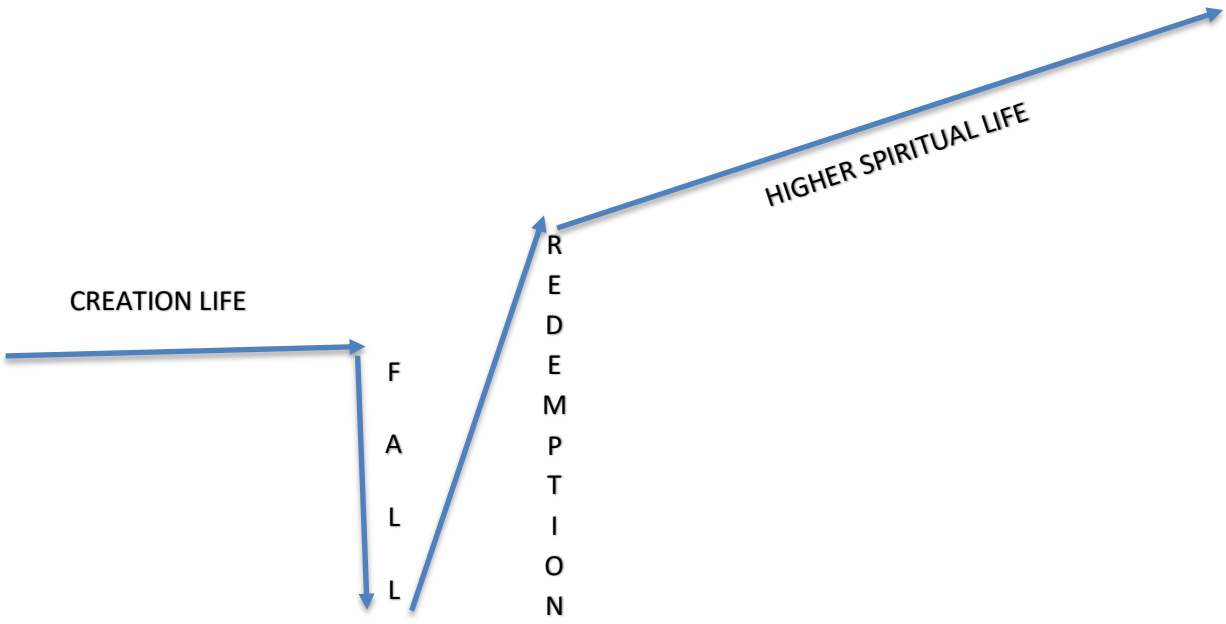
A. Purpose of the Class: We want you to be a better and more confident reader of your Bible. We want you to read God's word, know God's word, love God's word, and apply God's word.

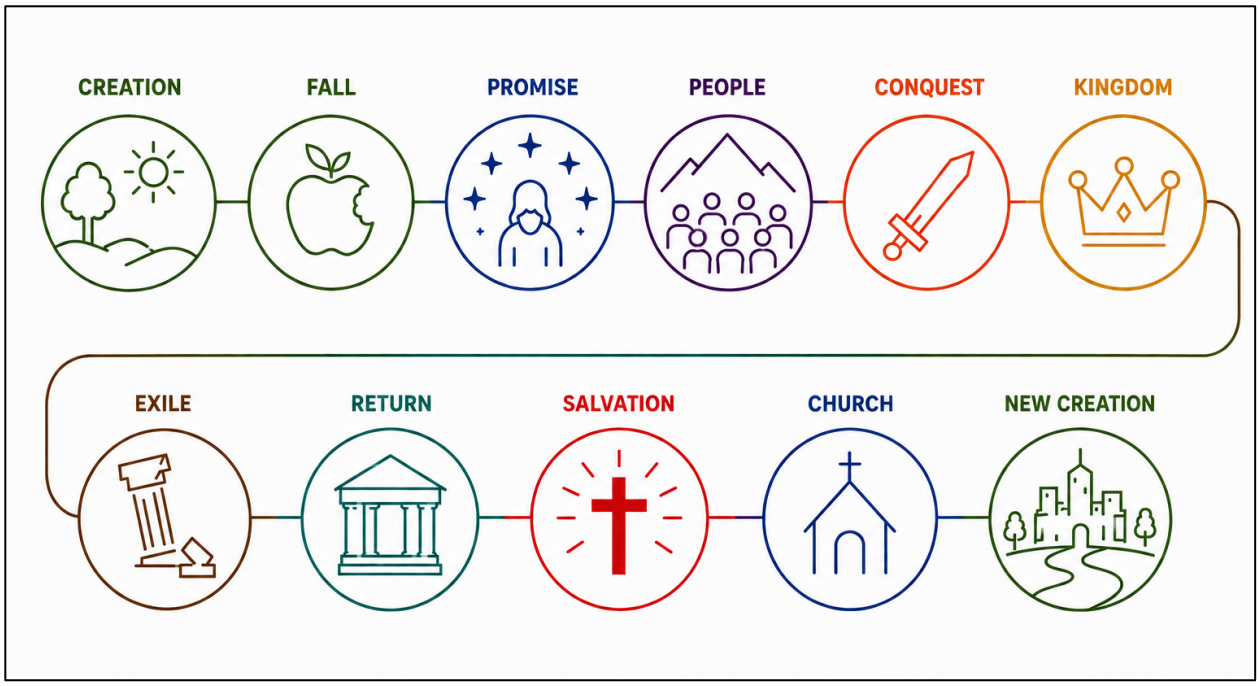
All of those things come from…

- A sense of **stability**, which comes from knowing the big picture of the story of Scripture.
- A sense of **excitement**, which comes from tracing the major themes of the story.
- A sense of **involvement**, which comes from seeing your place in the story.

B. The Big Picture Story of the Bible

CREATION → FALL → REDEMPTION → NEW CREATION





C. **The Major Themes of the Story**

- **IMAGE**
- **SEED**
- **KINGDOM**
- **COVENANT**
- **DWELLING**
- **SACRIFICE**

II. **Creation: Setting the Stage**

Think → Pair → Share: <u>Read Genesis 1:1-2:25</u>

- **Who are the characters? What do we learn about each of the characters?**
- **What is the setting of this story? Where will the events of this story take place? What do you learn about the location(s)?**
- **What purposes are we told about? What would the fulfilment of those purposes look like?**

A. The Characters

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B. The Setting(s)

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C. Purpose

What is the purpose of creation? How does God order things to live?

What role do humans play in relation to the rest of creation? What about in relation to God?

III. Next Class

- Off for Fall Break October 7
- TYG Open House October 14
- For October 21, read Genesis 1-3 and try to discern the six major themes Rick introduced to us and how those themes begin to progress in the arc of Creation, Fall, Redemption, New Creation