WHY WERE WE CREATED?

1. God created us <u>to</u> work!!!

<u>Genesis 2:15</u> And the LORD God <u>took</u> the man, and <u>put</u> him into the garden of Eden (בְּגַן־עֵדֶן) to dress it (לְעָבְדָהּ) and to keep it (וּלְשָׁמְרָהּ).

Dress it = cultivate
Keep it = guard, keep, preserve, protect

<u>Genesis 1:28</u> And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

<u>Genesis 1:1</u> IN the beginning God <u>created</u> the heaven and the earth.
<u>Genesis 2:1</u> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. **Genesis 2:2** And on the seventh day **God ended his <u>work</u> which he had <u>made</u>; and he rested on the seventh day from all his <u>work</u> which he had made. Genesis 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his <u>work</u> which God <u>created</u> and <u>made</u>.**

<u>Thoughts:</u>
  - **Everybody works**
  - **Everybody must work**
  - **Some work very hard at not working**
  - **Learn to work & learn to love work**
  - **Find something you love & CALL it work!**

2. God created us <u>in</u> relationships

<u>Genesis 1:26</u> And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
<u>Genesis 1:27</u> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; **male <u>and</u> female created he them. Genesis 1:28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth**, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

<u>Genesis 2:18</u> And the LORD God said, **It is <u>not</u> good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.**
<u>Genesis 2:19</u> And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. **Genesis 2:20** And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; **but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.**

<u>Genesis 2:21</u> And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **Genesis 2:22** And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. **Genesis 2:23** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. **Genesis 2:24** Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.
<u>Genesis 2:25</u> And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

3. God created us <u>for</u> worship

<u>Genesis 2:15</u> And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.
<u>Genesis 2:16</u> **And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt <u>not</u> eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**

<u>Genesis 3:8</u> And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. **Genesis 3:9** And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? **Genesis 3:10** And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

4. God created us **within** a system / rhythms.

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. **Genesis 2:2** And on the seventh day God **ended** his work which he had made; and he **rested** on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. **Genesis 2:3** And God **blessed** the seventh day, and **sanctified** it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Exodus 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Exodus 20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: **Exodus 20:10** But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

Genesis 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime <u>and</u> harvest, and cold <u>and</u> heat, and summer <u>and</u> winter, and day <u>and</u> night shall **not** cease.

Thoughts:
- **God created us within His world**
- **His world consists of cycles**

Daily:
Weekly:
Seasonally:
Yearly:
[special times / events]

- **God created us to live according to those cycles**
- **God created us to live according to rhythms**
- **We live contrary to those cycles to our own detriment**