

## HIS PURPOSE

# "Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

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## HIS MANDATE

"Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the sea, the birds of the air and everything that moves on the earth". - Genesis 1:28

- Adam and Eve were jointly commissioned to exercise spiritual authority and power as His representatives
- 'Be fruitful' to bear fruit, grow, increase, be productive
- 'Multiply' become numerous, reproduce
- 'Fill the earth' cause the earth to flourish and fulfill the purpose for which it was created
- 'Subdue' to rule and reign over the earth as an ambassador of heaven, a delegated authority

#### HIS DESIGN

"For You have made him [man] a little lower than the angels [Elohim] and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet" - Psalm8:5-6

- In the original Hebrew language, the word translated as 'angels' is the word 'Elohim' - God
- 'Crown' the ornamental headgear worn by a sovereign head of state, symbolizing his right to rule
  - You were born again by the Holy Spirit into the Family of God
     a Royal Family (1 Peter 2:9)
- You are designed by God to 6 on His behalf
- You are designed by God to (7) to His purpose

## HIS ASSIGNMENT

"We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us — a sphere which especially includes you. For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ; not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men's labors, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere, to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment. - 2 Corinthians 10:13-16

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- 'Metron' a portioned-off measure, a determined extent, a measure or limit
- 'Kanon' one's sphere of activity; a definitely bounded or fixed space within the limits of which one's authority or influence is confined; a province or region assigned to a person
- Your 'metron' is the territory that God has measured out and given you responsibility for
- Your 'metron' is your ministry assignment and responsibility, your sphere of spiritual influence
- Your 'metron' is a specific location where you have a physical presence and spiritual authority. It could be a physical place, or a position of responsibility, or a group of people

"Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it"

- Genesis 2:15

• Adam and Eve were entrusted by God with a territory to govern. They were given two primary responsibilities

• (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_ - to serve, to work as an act of worship, to cultivate or develop; i.e. be fruitful!

• (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_ - to guard, to watch over, to protect from an enemy; i.e. subdue!

• Adam was given responsibility to cultivate his territory as a representative of God

• Adam was also required to protect his territory from destruction

and invasion by an enemy

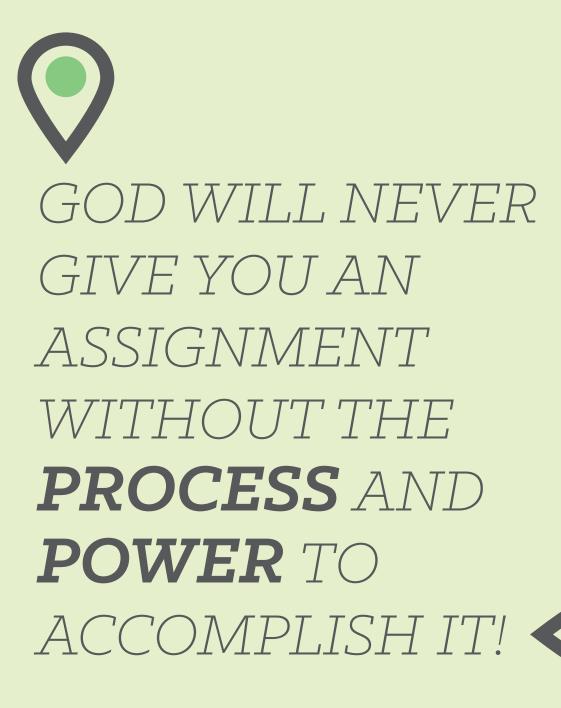
### HIS POWER

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- Acts 1:8

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• strength, power, ability



#### SESSION 2 BIG IDEAS



God has given you . . .

- A Mandate be fruitful, multiply, fill, & subdue
- A Design suitable for fulfilling your mandate
- An Assignment your territory(ies) to tend, keep
- Power sufficient to carry out the assignment

... do you believe it, and will you trust Him enough to act on the assignment?

1. What comes to mind when you think about your finances in terms of a responsibility to tend (grow) and keep (protect)?
2. How does it feel to know you have the power available to fulfill your assignment?

#### GOD'S WARNING TO YOU

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."

#### - Matthew 11:12

- You are in a war!
- This war is fought by FAITH, through prayer
- FAITH is NOT waiting on God!
- FAITH believes He will help you!
- God's desire is for you to take ACTION by FAITH

#### PRAY WITH VIOLENT FAITH

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving me bold faith to believe the mandate and assignment You've given me, and the bold faith to take action.

Jesus, thank You for teaching faith through words and actions.

Holy Spirit, stir up the warrior within me with a faith that takes action. Thank You for the faith that does not eliminate my doubts, but overcomes them.

In Jesus' Name.

