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 - **Gen. 1:26** man created in God's image
 - ²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness.
 - Gen. 2:7 formed from dust; breath of God

⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

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A. God is the Author of Life

Ps. 139:13-18 – "knitted" together in the womb

For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. I. Honoring the Creator of Life
B. God Set Man Apart From Before Birth
1. Joch'-o-bed - gave birth to Moses
2. Sarah – gave birth at 90
3. Mary – gave birth to Jesus

Did You Know? Oklahoma features 35 evangelical Christian pregnancy resource centers.

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C. God commands us to Protect Life

Exodus 20:13 You shall not murder.

Matthew 5:21-22 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca, is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Did You Know?

President Ronald Reagan issued a presidential proclamation on January 16, 1984, designating Sunday, Jan. 22, 1984 as National Sanctity of Human Life Day, noting that it was the 11th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is nationally recognized on the third Sunday every January.

A. God is the Author of Life

Hebrews 2:10 ¹⁰ For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Hebrews 5:9-10 ⁹ And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

A. God is the Author of Life

Ephesians 1:4-6 ⁴ even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, ⁶ to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.

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Romans 8:29-30 ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

B. God Set Man Apart From Before Birth

<u>The Call of Jeremiah</u> – <u>Jer. 1:5</u> – ⁴ Now the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

John the Baptist the forerunner of Jesus John the Baptist the forerunner of Jesus – **Luke 1:41**⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit,

B. God Set Man Apart From Before Birth

<u>Paul</u> – <u>Galatians 1:15-16</u>¹⁵ But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶ was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone;

<u>Jesus</u> – <u>Luke 1:35</u>³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. II. Honoring the Creator of Spiritual Life C. God commands us to Protect Spiritual Life 1. The Great Commandment: Love God Love Others

C. God commands us to Protect Spiritual Life

2. The Great Commission: Share

At the beginning of the discipleship process, we intentionally share the gospel and our lives with those who are spiritually dead. We purposely look for such opportunities. With those who are spiritual infants, we share what it means to follow Christ as His disciple.

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2. The Great Commission: Connect

As people begin to <u>grow</u> in their faith, an <u>intentional</u> disciplemaker helps them connect to God, to others and to their purpose in the church. This connect-level discipleship happens primarily with a spiritual child, who <u>knows</u> about Christ but has never <u>grown</u> in relationship with Him and His followers. At this level, the intentional disciple-maker emphasizes the relational nature of discipleship.

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2. The Great Commission: Minister

In the third step of the process, the disciple is maturing and becoming a spiritual young adult. The intentional disciple-maker trains spiritual young adults to use their gifts and abilities to minister to others.

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2. The Great Commission: Disciple

In the fourth stage, the disciples are becoming spiritual parents and are accepting the responsibilities to intentionally disciple others. An intentional disciplemaker equips and releases his or her disciple to disciple others-to be spiritual parents for other disciples. During this stage, we become peers with those we have discipled.

- Where are the top 5 places you spend time?
- Who do you take with you to share life?

- What are the top 5 things you spend money on?
- How many have Kingdom purpose?

What are you doing to honor human life?

What are you doing to honor spiritual life?