

# January 10, 2016

**Scripture Focus:** Genesis 1 -- 11

*"God created human beings; he created them godlike, reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female." (Genesis 1:27, Message)*

*"God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good!" (Genesis 1:31a, Message)*

*"When the Woman saw that the tree looked like good eating and realized what she would get out of it—she'd know everything!—she took and ate the fruit and then gave some to her husband, and he ate." (Genesis 3:6, Message)*

*"Cain had words with his brother. They were out in the field; Cain came at Abel his brother and killed him.*

*God said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?"*

*He said, "How should I know? Am I his babysitter?"" (Genesis 4:8-9, Message)*

*"God saw that human evil was out of control. People thought evil, imagined evil—evil, evil, evil from morning to night. God was sorry that he had made the human race in the first place; it broke his heart. God said, "I'll get rid of my ruined creation, make a clean sweep: people, animals, snakes and bugs, birds—the works. I'm sorry I made them." But Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah." (Genesis 6:5-8, Message)*

*"Then the people said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city and a tower that reaches Heaven. Let's make ourselves famous so we won't be scattered here and there across the Earth." (Genesis 11:4, Message)*

## **Notes from Worship:**

(How did God catch your attention? To what is God calling you this week?)

## **Questions for Discussion:**

- What do the creation stories teach us about God?
- What do they teach us about people?
- Which of the four "fall stories" is most troubling to you? Why?
- How does God show grace in each of these stories?

**Shine On Story Bible focus:** Jealousy between brothers

***This Week:***  
**January 11-16**

**Scripture Readings:**

<b>Monday</b> 1/11	<b>Tuesday</b> 1/12	<b>Wednesday</b> 1/13	<b>Thursday</b> 1/14	<b>Friday</b> 1/15	<b>Saturday</b> 1/16
Genesis 12-13	Genesis 14-16	Genesis 17-19	Genesis 20-23	Genesis 24-26	Genesis 27-29

**Questions for Reflection:**

These Questions are to help get you thinking about the readings for each day. Feel free to also jot down other questions and insights gained through your reading.

*Monday*

- What catches your attention about God's call to Abram in Genesis 12:1-3?

*Tuesday*

- What are God's promises to Abram in Genesis 15? Why are these important?

*Wednesday*

- What is Abraham to do in response to God's covenant (Genesis 17)?

*Thursday*

- What strikes you about the story of God testing Abraham in Genesis 22?

*Friday*

- What do you make of the story of Jacob and Esau's births and growing up years (Genesis 25:19-29)?

*Saturday*

- What is the significance of Jacob's blessing (Genesis 27)?

***Next Sunday: January 17***

**Theme: "Patriarchs and Matriarchs Stories"**

**Scripture Focus: *Genesis 12-22* (skimming ch. 25-50)**