THE ORIGINAL PLAN

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Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. *God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 1:26-28 (NIV)

The Original Plan of God was that we would be Fruitful and Multiply:

- 1. That we would fill the earth with our families to honor His Kingdom.
 - 2. That we would be fruitful in all of our living as agents of multiplication and expansion.



If our success or progress does not bear God's Image, it is not God's Original Plan.



And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Romans 8:28-30 (NIV)

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"When you and I are told we are made in the image of God, the implication is very obvious: you are made with intrinsic worth."

- Ravi Zacharias

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Dear friends, let us love one another, for **love comes from God**. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love**.

1 John 4:7-8 (NIV)

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²⁵Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Genesis 2:25 (NIV)

So the Lord God said to the serpent . . . And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Genesis 3:1, 15 (NIV)

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"Shame is overcome only through the restoration of a fellowship with God and men . . .in shame man is reminded of his disunion with God and other men." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer