

Magnificent Intervention

Week of December 20

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Read Genesis 1:1-5

Notice God's story doesn't start with humanity. Man isn't created until Day Six! (Genesis 1:26) God' story begins with His radiant light piercing the darkness and His Word creating beauty from ugliness. What ugliness has you in darkness to-day? God's radiance still floods the darkest places if you'll put your faith in Him.

John declares: "In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone" (John 1:1-4). The Word (*logos* in the Greek) was understood as the order, or fiery force, that hold creation together. Along with Gospel writer, John, the apostle Paul also declares that Christ is that power that "existed before anything else and ... holds all creation together" (Colossians 1:17). Christ Jesus is the Word (*logos*) made flesh.

Read John 1:1-14 and Colossians 1:15-20

1. What kind of chaos (tension, problem, pain) is mounted up against you today?

Are you willing to give the Lord permission to speak order into your chaos? If so, ask Him right now to shed His glorious light into your problem, your darkness. Spend a few moments in prayer. In the space below, write down anything His Spirit reveals to you about your situation.

The Plain Truth states: "The Word overwhelms our story with God's story of grace and beauty." This life is not all about you. God cares about you and knows every detail of every issue that troubles you. But His Spirit calls us to a bigger purpose. God came to this earth through His Christ, the Lord Jesus, and wants every person to understand – to know at the deepest level – that He is bigger than our struggles. And yes, your life can become a work of beauty through His love and grace. Just as the Lord speaks and acts (throughout the Bible, word and deed go together) we must both speak and act upon our faith. If you really believe Christ is stronger than your darkness, than live into it. Turn from your sin, your darkness, and start living into a new God-direction! He loves us passionately. Let's return that love.

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