

Message Notes

THIS IS US

MADE ON PURPOSE FOR A PURPOSE

"Thrive"

Part one of the series: "This is Us"

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We were made to rule.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'" (Genesis 1:27-28 ESV)

The enemy seeks to ruin.

"Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' ²And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.'" (Genesis 3:1-7 ESV)

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10 ESV)

(Turn over for continuation...)

God desires to replace ruin with recovery.

"And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them." (Genesis 3:21 ESV)

He wants to turn recovery into victory.

*"The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
(1 Corinthians 15:56-57 ESV)*

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