

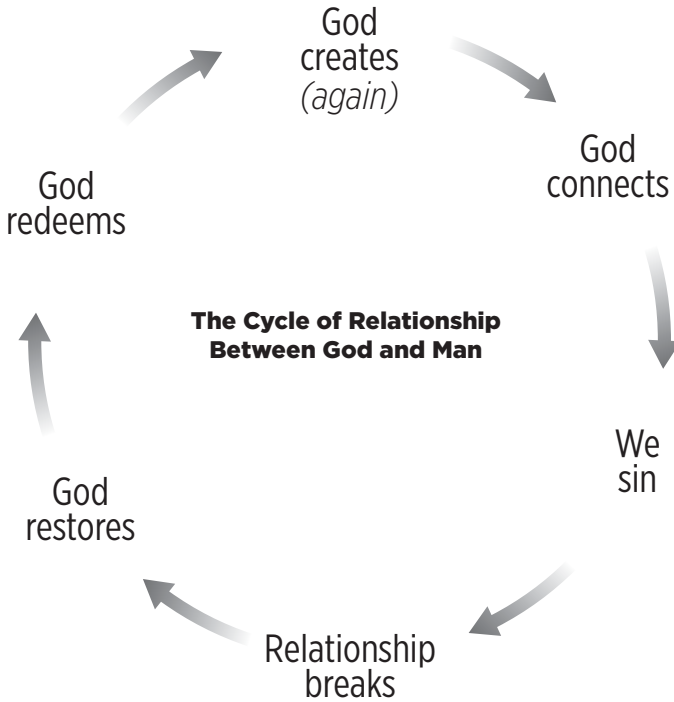
# GENESIS II

THE NEXT CHAPTERS OF GOD'S RELENTLESS PLAN

Part 1: Review

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## Chapter 1: God Created

The creation story revealed four important words:

Spirit, Light, Good and Life (*all descriptors of God in the New Testament*)

Humankind is not the point of Creation

God is the pinnacle of Creation

## Chapters 2-3: Creation of People and the Fall of Man

God Creates Eve—first wedding (*interesting dress code*)

Satan is introduced

With sin, there is always a price to pay

## Chapter 4: An Expanding Family — Cain and Abel

Cain's great difficulty is that he could not master his sin

## **Chapter 5: Genealogy: God Limits Human Lifespan**

### **Chapters 6-8: Noah and the Ark**

Flood, boat, and animal story that wrestles with obedience, grace, justice and love

### **Chapter 9: Drunk Noah**

Timeless truth: alcohol can really mess up your life

Sin didn't drown in the flood

### **Chapter 10: More Genealogy**

### **Chapter 11: The Tower of Babel**

A story about independence from God

The Lesson: Life with God is simply the best way to live

### **Chapter 12-16 Begins the Story of Abraham, The Father of Our Faith**

Huge Promise: Through him would come a nation that would bless the nations

In faith, Abraham actively pursued God

“Do not be afraid” — fear inhibits faith

When God creates plan A, do not create Plan B

The waiting time is never wasting time in God's plan

## **Next Steps**

- 1) Read Genesis 1-16 this week. Where would you say are you right now in the cycle of relationship with God (see diagram) ?
- 2) Binge watch sermon videos from last summer's Genesis series
- 3) Read Genesis 18 to get ready for next week

## **Small Group Questions**

- 1) If you heard the series last summer, do you remember a favorite story, idea, or principle from the book of Genesis?
- 2) There is a cycle that happens over and over again in the Bible: God creates, God connects, we sin, relationship breaks, God restores, God redeems, and God creates again. Where are you in this cycle? Why?
- 3) Read Genesis 17. Imagine God coming to you with the impossible. How do you think you'd respond?
- 4) In Genesis 17:1, God told Abram, “Walk before me faithfully and be blameless.” Why do you think God gave that command? Why is that important?
- 5) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?