



God's BIG Build

Title: Sign on the dotted line
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Reading: Genesis 1:1-27

'God really likes to build!'

Leaving the timescale of God's Genesis 1 project aside for another occasion, it is clear that God is an incredible creator/builder. Which part(s) of God's spectacular creation fascinates and/or inspires you most?

In v26-7 we read that God created us in His image – He created us to be creative people. What creative things do you like to invest in?

Once God finished His creation of Genesis 1, He began another big building project – a spectacular living community. A community that knows and encounters God, is involved in God's unfolding plans, includes, embraces, loves each person. A community of faith, hope and love.

In the Old Testament this community was the descendants of Abram (Gen 12:1-3), in the New Testament the community widens and is the church (1 Peter 2:4-5). And God invites us to be a part of His spectacular Big Build.

The challenge

In the Old Testament, New Testament and today, God's Big Build was/is impacted when people chose to do their own creative thing rather than joining God's. What is the impact of choosing to give our best; resources, time, effort, to our big build rather than God's? Where do you invest your best, your greatest effort, resources? Does joining God's Big Build mean

we are not allowed to pursue other projects, hobbies, interests? What does it mean to prioritize God's Big Build/to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness?

Sign on the dotted line

When embarking on a major building project signing contracts is an important and significant moment - the point when intention becomes commitment. Jesus' death and resurrection is 'a new covenant' (contract) offered by God. It's an offer to know Him, be in relationship with Him, encounter His peace, forgiveness and love, and to join His Big Build. When did you move from intention to commitment - sign on the dotted line with God? What difference has this made to how you view and invest in the church community – God's Big Build?



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