Lesson Overview

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- 1. **God Cares about us:** He doesn't have to be, but He is mindful of us! Psalm 8:3-6 NKJV "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him. And the son of man that You visit him?"
 - Our body separates from all other eternal beings.
- 2. We are made to reflect God: Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
- 3. **We are not puppets.** God Gave us a Choice (Not A puppet)! He does not order us around without considering our will. He has set it up where we are designed to reflect His glory and His image, but we can choose Him or not. Genesis 2:16-17
- 4. God is Love: He made us to be the object of His great love! This is why He created us. 1 John 4:7-8 TPT; 1 John 4:16; 1 John 3:1; 1 John 4:19
 - He has given us the ability to respond to His Love to receive Love or reject Love.

5. Eternity: He has created us for eternity to love us forever and we are worth it. Revelation 7:9; 1 John 4:17-19

When my wife and I decided to have a little girl, there was no guarantee in nature that she would serve God. There are choices to be made that we cannot make for our children, even though we can trust God with them. Even though she could reject me, it was worth it to have her, and I love her. God knows the cost, yet those of us who would receive Him has made it worth it to our creator. What a beautiful love that is.