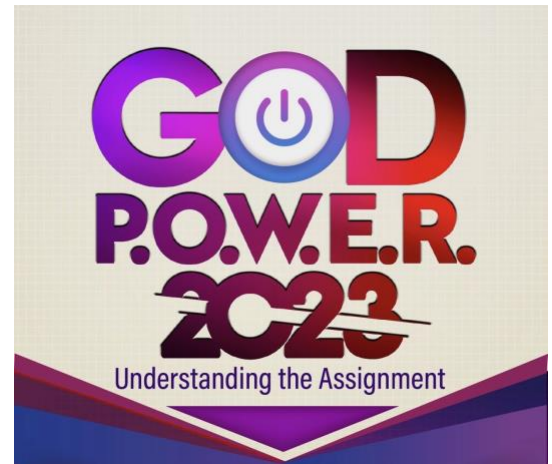


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“LET’S HAVE A FRESH START”

Part 3: Let Me Start Over

- ❖ The Bible specifically references time and beginnings.
- ❖ The first book in the Bible is called “Genesis,” the book of beginnings.
- ❖ Jesus Christ is referred to at the “author and finisher” of our faith in Hebrews 12:2.
- ❖ Jesus Christ refers to Himself as being “Alpha and Omega in Revelation 1:8.
- ❖ Jesus Christ refers to Himself as being “the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End” in Revelation 22:13.

A. Beginnings are incredibly important.

B. Nothing can be accomplished without a beginning.

C. Beginnings exist because of purpose.

D. Beginnings give meaning to life.

E. Beginnings lead to destiny.

Genesis 6:1-8 MSG

“When the human race began to increase, with more and more daughters being born, the sons of God noticed that the daughters of men were beautiful. They looked them over and picked out wives for themselves. Then God said, “I’m not going to breathe life into men and women endlessly. Eventually they’re going to die; from now on they can expect a life span of 120 years.” This was back in the days (and also later) when there were giants in the land. The giants came from the union of the sons of God and the daughters of men. These were the mighty men of ancient lore, the famous ones. God saw that human evil was out of control. People thought evil, imagined evil—evil, evil, evil from morning to night. God was sorry that he had made the human race in the first place; it broke his heart. God said, “I’ll get rid of my ruined creation, make a clean sweep: people, animals, snakes and bugs, birds—the works. I’m sorry I made them.” But Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah.”

1 Samuel 15:34-35

“Samuel left immediately for Ramah and Saul went home to Gibeah. Samuel had nothing to do with Saul from then on, though he grieved long and deeply over him. But God was sorry he had ever made Saul king in the first place.”

1. WRONG CONNECTIONS

- A. Relational
- B. Spiritual
- C. Business

2. WICKEDNESS&CORRUPTION

- A. The Nephilim are the offering of wrong connections.
- B. Wrong connections produce bad fruit.
- C. Don't produce something big & loud.
- D. Our actions can get out of control.
- E. Wickedness & weakness aren't synonymous.

3. WOUNDING THE CREATOR

- A. The KJV says that God "regretted."
- B. The Hebrew word means to "grieve, feel sorry, to feel mistaken or to change from a planned action."
- C. God repents because we won't.

4. WONDERFULCOMPASSION

- A. In the midst of chaos Grace is available.
- B. Noah was not contaminated by the *nephilim*.
- C. Noah's entire family received a generational blessing because of his connection to God.
- D. God decided to start over and re-create with someone who was "graced" for it.

5 TIPS FROM STARTING OVER

- 1. Set some specific goals
- 2. Try to reflect and celebrate
- 3. Allow for time to clear the clutter
- 4. Realize you to to plan and schedule
- 5. Themes should be picked