PRAYER

- Pray a prayer of encouragement for people in your Victory group especially for those who have low self-esteem. Meditate on the following Scriptures: Psalm 139:13,14; Isaiah 43:1,2,4; Ephesians 2:10.

- Pray for people to be strong in their moral convictions so they can stand up for what is right in their sphere of influence.

- Thank the Lord for how He wonderfully made you and ask Him to use you in a unique way to bring others to Christ.

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NOTES

CONNECT

- When you were younger, whom did you often imitate? Why?
- If you were a superhero, who would you be and why?
- What is one character trait of your parents that you see in yourself?

WORD

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Genesis 1:26

WHAT *What does the Bible say?*

The first chapter of Genesis tells how God created man in His own image. Even after the fall of man and woman in the Garden of Eden, the fact still stands that we bare the image of God as 1 Corinthians 11:7 would affirm. In what ways do we reflect the image of God?

- **Personality**
  God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."
  Genesis 1:28

  God created man to have self-consciousness and self-determination. This enables him to make choices and makes him different and superior to the rest of God's creation. Personality encompasses man's ability to exercise dominion over the creatures of the earth and develop the earth (Genesis 2:15). How else do you think God created man as His creation's masterpiece?

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- **Spirituality**
  May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
  1 Thessalonians 5:23

  God is Spirit (John 4:24) and He created man with a soul and a spirit. The essential components of our spirits are reason, conscience, and will. Because God endowed us with a spirit, we are capable of communing with our Maker and having a relationship with Him. Before Adam and Eve sinned, man could easily connect with God. What interfered with our fellowship with God? How can we go back in right relationship with Him?

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- **Morality**
  "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."
  Hebrews 10:16

  God gave man the ability to think and reason, and to make moral decisions. Man was created pure and holy in his original righteousness. This righteousness was destroyed by sin, but can be restored through Christ. How is our righteousness restored in Christ? As followers of Jesus, how do we ought to live (Ephesians 4:22-24)?

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SO WHAT *What is the relevance of the Word to my life?*

- How much do you believe that God created you in His image and that you are not just a product of evolution?
- How do you appreciate the unique personality and character that God gave you?
- In what ways do you see that uniqueness enable you to perform your present job or address your situation?

NOW WHAT *How do I apply the Word to my life?*

- In what ways do you exercise your morality in influencing other people to do the right thing?
- When and how often do you praise and worship God? How do you experience and enjoy His presence in your daily life?
- In what ways can you develop your relationship and communication with God?