

## Cornerstone Message Notes

*"God Made Everything"* / "The Greatest Stories of the Bible" series - part 1  
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### **THEME** / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

God created the heavens & the earth & all there is therein & thereon.

### **APPLICATION** / (What to Do with What You Hear)

Live your life loving, serving & honoring God in celebration of everything He made.

### **FOCUS** / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

Do you know how many times the phrase "the kingdom of God" appears in the New Testament? Oh, wait :- ) ... (but seriously, I don't want any of us to ever forget that)

This morning we begin a new series on the greatest stories in the Bible. It's important to settle up front that they're all either fact or they're not. Either everything the Bible says is true or we'll never know what is & what isn't.

Today's message is about the story that makes the way for every story - the story of creation. Eventually everyone somehow gets to the question of how this all happened / how did everything there is - including me - come to be. The first two chapters of the Bible address this. They do so compellingly, concisely & completely.

While some will disagree & many will say there's no way to know, it really does make the most sense. There has to be someone before the something. Yes, there's a degree of presumptive faith in that, but then again there's a degree of presumptive faith in whatever one's worldview may be :- ) ...

May this morning's message blow our minds & bless our hearts :- ) ...

## **The First Greatest Story in the Bible Tells Us ...**

### 1. IN the BEGINNING GOD

CREATED the HEAVENS & the EARTH.

Before time & space & matter & living creatures were, God was.

Genesis 1:1 / John 1:3

### 2. ALL of CREATION AFFIRMS His CREATIVITY.

Everything there is, animate & inanimate, is because God decided they'd be.

Genesis 1-2 / Psalm 19:1-2

### 3. GOD made US in HIS IMAGE & EARTH to be our TOTALLY UNIQUE ONE-OF-A-KIND HOME.

The earth & mankind are totally unique & set apart.

Genesis 1:1 & 1:26

### **Making It Real Questions**

- 1] Do you see the importance of acknowledging that before anything came to be, God already & eternally was?
- 2] Do you see Him & His handiwork in all He has made?
- 3] Does earth's & mankind's unique significance speak to you today?

### **Action Step**

Memorize Genesis 1:1 if you haven't done so yet. Go outdoors to some beautiful place & spend some time talking with the One Who made you & it.