

# Foundations of Life

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Building Our 2026 Vision on the Bedrock of Genesis

Cornerstone Church

# Our Journey Begins Here

This year, we are embarking on a journey through the Old Testament together.

We're calling it **Foundations 260 - OT**.

**Rhythm:** One chapter a day, five days a week, for 52 weeks.

**Scope:** We will visit every major passage and theme.

**Purpose:** To expand our faith, fuel our worship, and build us stronger and healthier than ever.



# Why Genesis Was Written

Written by Moses after the Exodus, Genesis was given to provide God's unique perspective to a nation immersed in Egyptian culture for 400 years.

Who is God?

Who are we?

What is our purpose?

How does God relate to us?

These answers form the very foundations of life.

# The Four Foundations of Life from Genesis

**“The most important thing in life is a relationship with God.”**

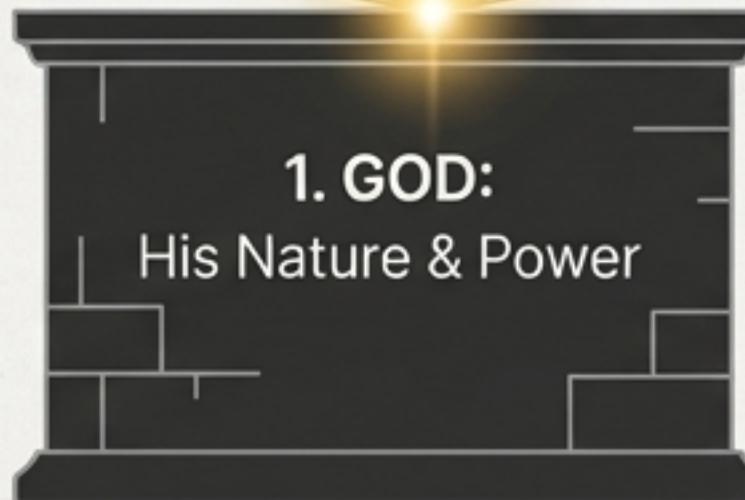


Based on Genesis 1-4.

# Foundation 1: What is God?

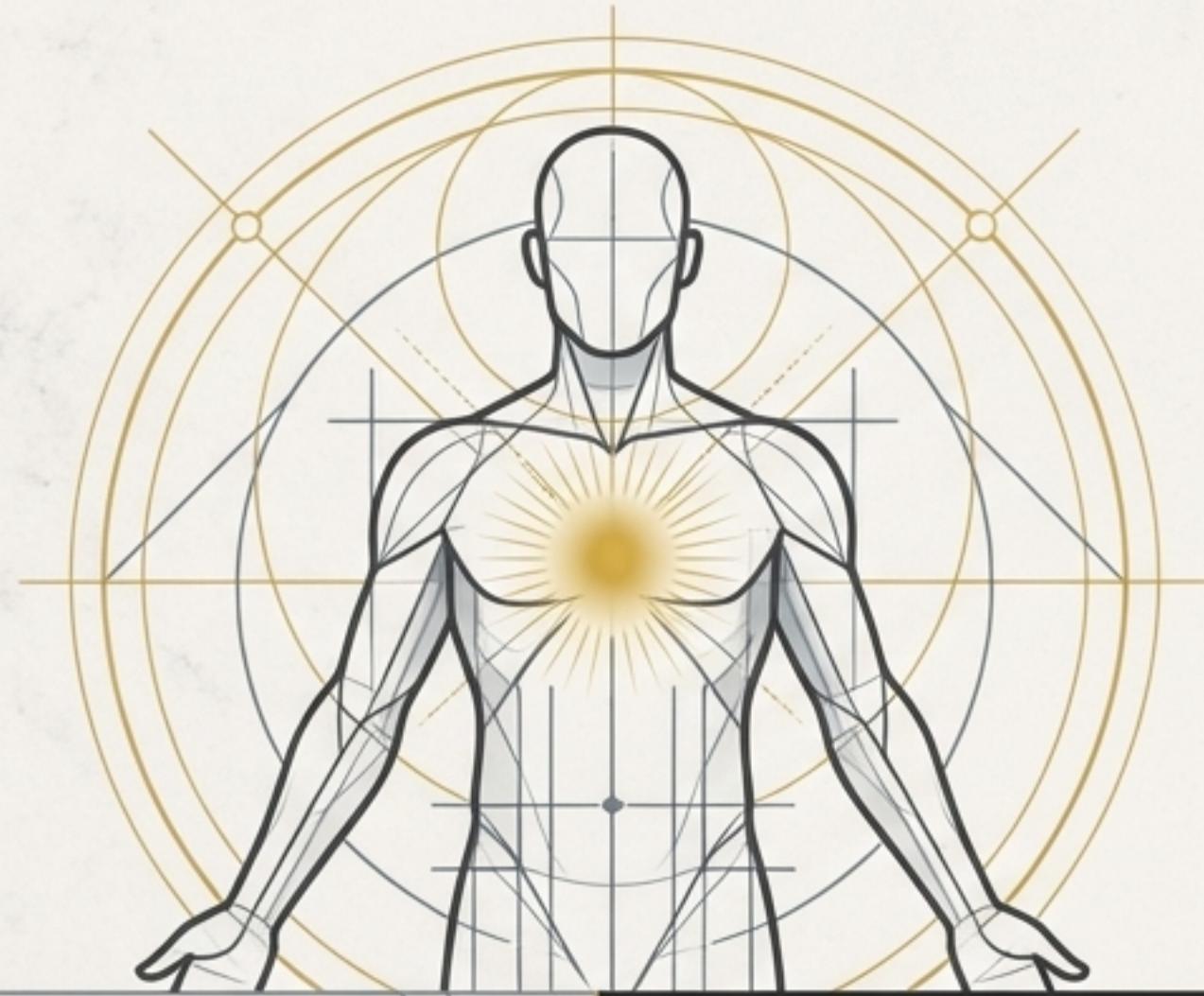
“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” – Genesis 1:1

- **One God:** Not a pantheon. He is singular and eternal, existing outside of time and space.
- **Supremely Powerful:** He created the entire world by speaking it into being. Everything He made was good.
- **Good & Caring:** He placed Adam and Eve in a bountiful garden and met with them there.



## Foundation 2: What is Humanity?

**God made us in **His image and likeness** so that we would relate to Him, represent Him, and rule the world with Him.**



1. GOD

**2. HUMANITY:**  
Our Identity & Purpose

3. THE PROBLEM

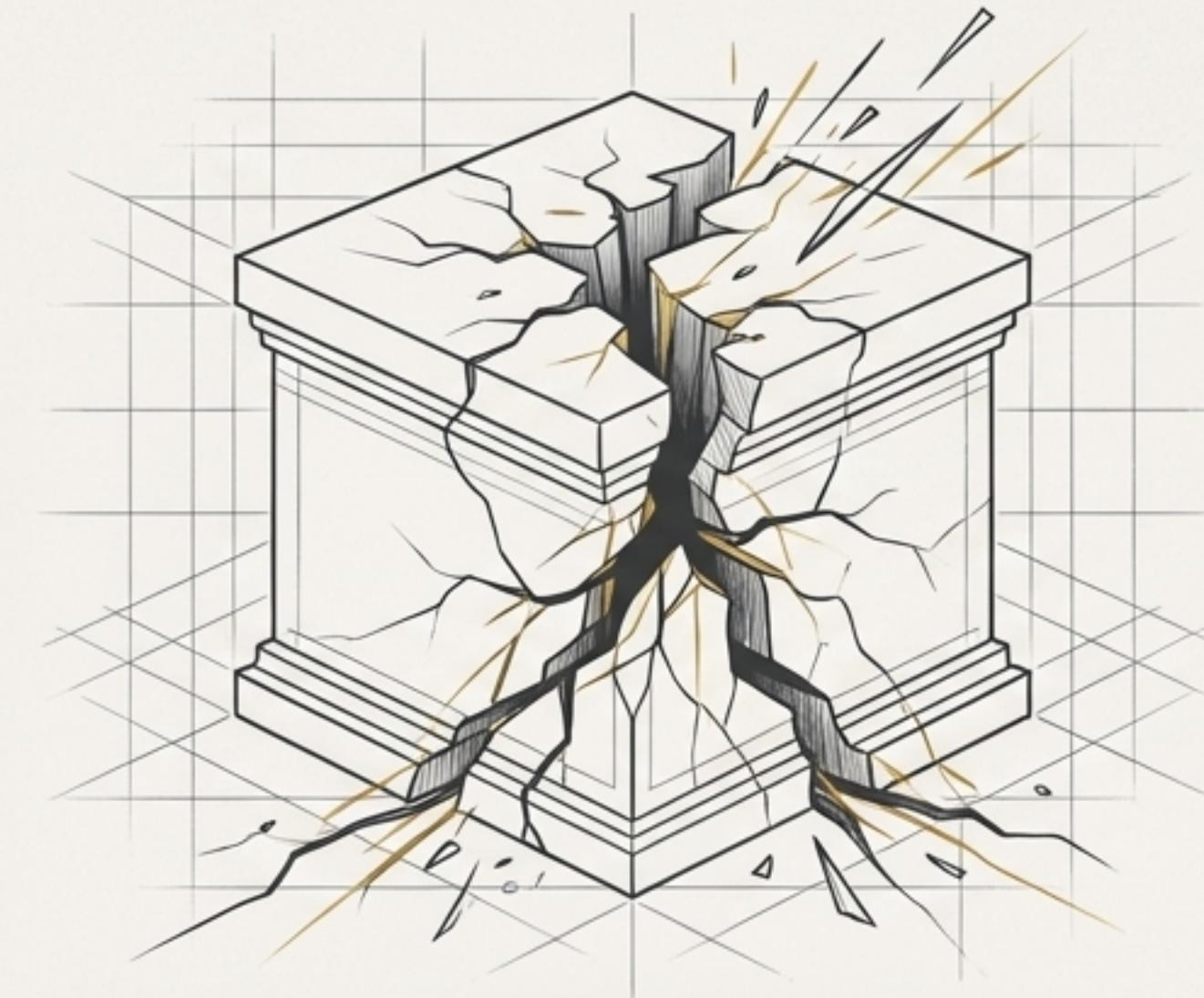
4. THE SOLUTION

- We depend on Him for our existence; **He breathed life** into us (Genesis 2:7). We are both spiritual and physical beings.
- We are His **priests** on earth, placed in the Garden to “work it and watch over it” (Genesis 2:15) – terms later used for priestly service in the temple.
- Our **purpose** is to serve God as His **representatives** in everything we do.

# Foundation 3: What is the Problem?

## The Cause

Adam and Eve's choice to rebel against God and declare independence by eating from "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" (Genesis 2:17). They wanted to decide for themselves what is good and right.



## The Result

- Spiritual and physical death.
- Alienation from God and each other.
- Expulsion from the Garden and abandonment of their priestly calling.

## The Evidence

**Death** began to **dominate**, manifesting in conflict (Cain kills Abel, Gen 4:8) and pride (Lamech's boast, Gen 4:24).

### 3. THE PROBLEM: Our Alienation

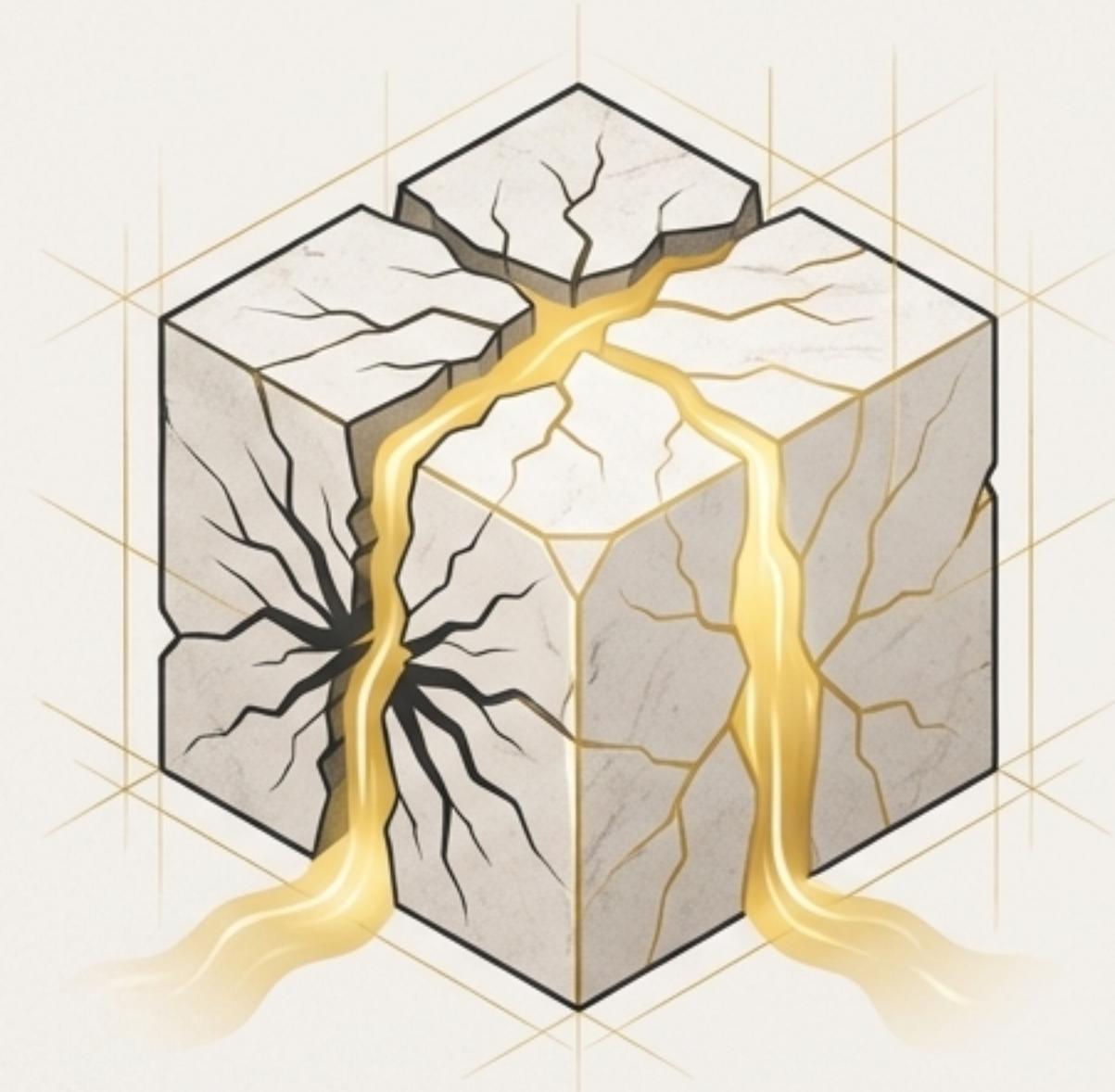
# Foundation 4: What is the Solution?

All is not lost. God stepped into the mess with a solution and offers a way back.



## Presence

God did not abandon Adam and Eve. He sought them, spoke to them, and clothed them (Genesis 3:21).



## Promise

*He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel. (Genesis 3:15).*



## Path

He made a way for worship, accepting Abel's offering.

The Ultimate Fulfillment: God invites everyone to eat from the Tree of Life by turning to Jesus Christ.

# From Foundation to Application



**“The most important thing in life is a relationship with God. He created us to know, love, and serve Him as his priests.”**

So, how will we at the Cornerstone Church put these foundational concepts into practice in 2026?

# Our 2026 Vision: Three Pillars for a Deeper Relationship with God





# Pillar 1: We Will Focus on Hearing God Speak

**Core Principle:** God wants a relationship with us, and He speaks through His Word. We will be a people of the Book.

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Action Steps for 2026:

- **Personal:** Every person follows a Bible reading plan (e.g., Foundations 260, Bible app, Study Bibles).
- **Corporate:** We will incorporate Bible study into every small group.
- **Reputation:** We will be known as a Bible-teaching church, the place to be for anyone wanting to learn Scripture.



## Pillar 2: We Will Focus on Speaking to God

**Core Principle:** Prayer is our part in the relationship with God. He speaks through His Word; we respond in prayer. Intercession is our priestly calling.

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### Action Steps for 2026:

- Incorporate significant prayer into worship services.
- Prioritize prayer in small groups (Appoint a prayer leader in each group).
- Use a prayer guide for daily prayer (Guides are available at the book table).
- **Attend the Prayer Meeting for 2026 on Saturday, January 24.**

# A Specific Call: Join the Pastor's Prayer Team

**The Need:** Leading a church is spiritual warfare. The devil hates the church and its leaders. We need God's constant help and protection.

**The Invitation:** I am inviting you to join the Pastor's Prayer Team to intercede for Kim and me, and for the church.



Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center.

Sign up online using the QR code in the bulletin.



## Pillar 3: We Will Focus on Speaking for God

**The Metaphor:** The church is an embassy, and Christians are ambassadors for God to the world. This is another aspect of our priestly work.

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### Our Message:

We represent God and His message: there is a way back to God through Jesus Christ.

### Our Goal for 2026:

To work for a spiritual awakening by sharing Jesus and the Good News at every opportunity.



# Our Shared Mission: The 247 Project

## **The Meaning:**

Based on Acts 2:47 – “Each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”

## **Our Definition of Success:**

People coming home to God every day through faith in Jesus Christ.

## **Your Part:**

1. Place the 247 card where you will see it daily.
2. Pray for God to add saved people to the Cornerstone family every day.
3. The simplest, most effective way: **Invite family and friends to church.**

# An Irresistible Calling

Will you prayerfully consider vocational Christian service? Is the Lord calling you to prepare as a pastor, ministry leader, or missionary?

It will feel impossible. But it will also feel irresistible.

**When irresistible combines with faith in God, everything becomes possible. I've experienced it. I've lived it. God is able!!!**

Please pray about it. Then, talk to me if you want more information.

# Our Commitment

We humbly ask for God's help to:

- Hear God Speak.
- Speak to God.
- Speak for God.



Without God, we're going nowhere.  
**With God, what can stop us?**