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Begin this day's devotion by reading Genesis 1:1-5. It's printed below, but if you have a Bible handy, consider reading it there.

Genesis 1:1-5

[1] In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. [2] The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

[3] And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. [4] And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. [5] God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Know this: God exists. He is real. He makes Himself known to us through the Bible. And in the very first words of this holy book, we see God creating the Universe. At the beginning of all things, God already was. He existed. He alone was able to create the world because He alone was before the world. That's pretty awesome.

Now, look at how vs. 2 describes the world before God initiated creation. That is some pretty deep, pretty awesome stuff. Darkness over the deep? What does that even mean? How mysterious is that? But even as the darkness was covering all things, there was the Holy Spirit, "hovering" over the formless void.

Into this dark and lifeless expanse, God spoke light. Seriously, He spoke light. How does that even happen? Our finite human minds cannot begin to grasp all that this means. But we can grasp enough to know this: the Creator God spoke light into the darkness, and everything changed. The universe began. The cosmos was set in motion. Our world and eventually our lives were all brought into being. You exist because God wants you to be a part of His creation. But not just you: Flowers. Mountains. Waterfalls. Stars. Your family. Your pet. Creation exists because God saw fit for it to.

As you begin this four-week devotional on how God's light impacts you and the world around you, let's start by focusing on the world around you.

When was the last time you paused long enough to look around you at the majesty of God's creation and thanked Him for it? Maybe today is that day for you.

That's your challenge for today. Today, notice God's creation, specifically the light of God's goodness, as it's reflected all around you. Consider taking the space provided below to write down what you saw around you. Maybe even take the time to write a prayer of thanks to God for His mighty work of creation.

