

The Story Series
Facing Judgment, Part One
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Opening

-(show The Story Slide)

-(show our slide for tonight)

-Hebrews 9:27-28

-(stay with me...building to a point where it all connects)

Introduction

-At various points in our lives we envision the person we want to become, and then we begin the work of creating that image.

-(use mirror to illustrate)

-(participation moment)

-What are the influences that shape the image we envision?

Imago Dei

-Could I suggest to you tonight that image is not something we are supposed to create but rather something we are supposed to discover?

-Genesis 1:26-27 (NASB)

- Image – “tselem” (selleem)
- *Same word for “idolatry” because mankind wants to be the creator who builds an image instead of being the image that is created, by a perfect God!*

-Genesis 5:1-3 (NASB)

- Contrast between verse 1 and verse 3

- **Have we modeled for our children the work of building an image or the practice of discovering their Imago Dei?**

-(go back to the mirror and ask what are we teaching them to see?)

-Let's look at three examples in Scripture where people creating image instead of discovering image.

Three Created Image Consequences

-Created image is overly dependent.

- Matthew 20:20-28
- Three kinds of marriages = A frame / H frame / M frame
- (explain text and their image for Jesus and themselves)

-Created image leads to conflict.

- 2 Samuel 6:12-23
- we envision images for others
- others envision images for us

-Created image compromises us.

- Luke 22:1-6
- Matthew 26:14-16
- (explain how Judas was like James and John above...)
- Judas was willing to do unspeakable things for his image.

Idolatry

-Hebrews 9:27 (circling back to judgment)

-Exodus 20:4-6 (maybe we have too narrow of an interpretation here)

-(tell story of pig soap carving)

- **(go back to tonight's slide)**
- **How much of Jesus' conversation with us on our day of judgment will be about the time we wasted trying to create an image that competed with our Imago Dei?**

-1 Corinthians 3:10-15

- maybe this isn't just about Christian service...
- I don't just want to barely make it...
- My "image" already has a foundation

I Am says "You are!"

-Matthew 16:13-19

- ARE!!!!
- Authority in final verses connected to image in former?
- Are we ready to hear who Jesus says we are?

-The first step to knowing who you are is knowing who Jesus is!

Band (remember those 3 consequences?)

-Your Imago Dei is never dependent on the image of others.

-Your Imago Dei should never be negotiated to please others.

-Your Imago Dei will never require you to compromise your values.

Close

-James 1:22-25 (let me introduce you to another mirror)