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**Today's Message:** New Beginnings in Genesis

### 1. A New Year's Encouragement

Romans 15:4-7, 13

**Biblical Hope:** A strong and confident expectation.

**What Biblical Hope Accomplishes:**

1) It changes how we see ourselves

Romans 5:8

2) It changes what we value

2 Corinthians 12:15

3) It brings joy and peace

Romans 15:13

**TRUTH:** "Love that chooses to love is just as powerful as love that feels like loving. In many ways it's truer love because it has its eyes wide open." ~Love Dare

### 2. Genesis: A "Very Good" Beginning

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and earth." The creation covered in 10 words!

"Ex nihilo" - "creation out of nothing" - matter created by a Divine creative act.

**God's Crowning Creation** - Genesis 1:26a "Then God said, 'Let Us make mankind in Our image, in Our likeness...'"

Genesis 1:27

Genesis 1:31 "And God saw all that He had made, and it was very good."

#### **Important Focus Points:**

1) "The most important thing about a person is what they think of God" ~Tozer

2) Humans are made in the "image of God" in their moral, spiritual and intellectual nature.

3) We all were created for an eternal relationship with God.

John 1:12

John 17:3

John 14:23

4) "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him. ~Piper

5) Man was made in the image of God, and nothing will satisfy man but God, in whose image he was made." ~Spurgeon

### 3. Man's Horrible Choice: God's Amazing Grace

Genesis 3:6, 8-10

**Results:** Fear—Hiding—Moving distant from God—Yet God's loving grace

Genesis 3:21-24

◆ Sin is a radical disease, that calls for a radical cure.

Matthew 1:21

2 Corinthians 5:21