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Imago Dei:
Life and Death
Genesis 1:26-28

Sermon Overview

At the very beginning of creation, God decided to create man in His own image and likeness—which means He has a plan for us today. We are not a coincidence or someone's mistake, but God's own creation, made for His perfect will.

As we begin a new sermon series on technology, we will look at the first book of the Bible, the Book of Genesis, to remind ourselves: 1) why we are here, and 2) what God wants for us. And how being made in His Image informs how we relate to technology.

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Sermon Series Overview

June 14, 2026	Genesis 1:26-28	Imago Dei: Life and Death
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June 28, 2026	Genesis 3:1–6	Did God Really Say: Digital Temptation
July 5, 2026	Genesis 1:28	Have Dominion Over: Using Technology to the Glory of God



Imago Dei

Sermon Outline

Title: Imago Dei

Text: Genesis 1:26-28

Theme: Since we are made in God's image, our technology must recognize and not devalue human worth.

- 1. The initiative for creating man was from God, not from a man or evolution.**
- 2. God decided to create man in His own image.**
- 3. God had some clear purposes for a man.**
- 4. Man is a climax of God's creative activity.**
- 5. If God created man in his image and likeness, then what is the problem with humanity today?**

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Imago Dei

Discussion Questions

“26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

***27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.***

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 1:26-28

- 1. Which traits of God do we all possess as humans, and what does the creation account teach us about human worth?**
- 2. If humanity is made in God’s image, why are there so many problems both within us and around us? What role does technology play in helping to overcome these problems?**
- 3. In what ways can technology be used to devalue human worth?**
- 4. In what ways are we tempted to use technology to gain or enhance our worth, and how can we as Christians fight against this temptation?**
- 5. Discuss the differences between artificial intelligence and humanity, as well as the ethical issues the church needs to address.**
- 6. What are the various ways technology has been used to prevent, destroy, prolong, or create human life (including discussions on just-war theory, abortion, birth control, euthanasia, life support, IVF, etc.), and what is the biblical response to each?**



Imago Dei

Prayer & Praise

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It is not Good to be Alone:
Community
Genesis 2:18

Sermon Overview

Hello City Church Family,

Nearly sixty years ago, The Beatles sang in "Eleanor Rigby" about all the lonely people — and the question still echoes today. This Sunday we turn to Genesis 2:18, where God says something rather surprising: "It is not good for the man to be alone." Right at the start, before anything had gone wrong, the very first thing God called "not good" was aloneness.

In a city where we can order lunch, book a Didi and chat to an AI at midnight, why does loneliness seem to be growing? Do come along this Sunday as we explore what the digital age and the Bible have to say about being alone — and discover why Jesus Himself is the one answer no clever technology could ever replace. We'd love to see you there!

Elder Ling Lai



Not Good To Be Alone

Sermon Outline

Title: It is not Good to be Alone: Community

Text: Genesis 2:18

Proposition: Since God made us to live in community, our technology must not isolate us from others but rather be used to strengthen rather than replace real community.

- 1. No Technology Can Replace a Person.**
- 2. Efficiency Is a Terrible Way to Run Relationships.**
- 3. Community Is How We Grow, Not Just How We Cope.**

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Not Good To Be Alone

Discussion Questions

“Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” Genesis 2:18

1. Read Genesis 2:18-25. Why did God create humanity to be built around the family structure of marriage?

- How has digital technology—particularly social media, dating apps, AI-driven communication, etc—contributed to isolation in marriage? (consider its impact on marital delays and disfunctions).
- How can technology be intentionally harnessed to strengthen marriage?

2. Read Hebrews 10:24–25, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Romans 12:10, Galatians 6:2, Acts 2:42, 46, Colossians 3:16–17. What does the Bible teach about the need for face-to-face relationships among friends and family, and how it should be centered on Christ?

- In what ways does technology encourage (condition/catechize) radical individualism or isolation, and how can we guard against this lie?
- Reflecting on your own use of AI or social media (etc) as a substitute for real relationships, where have you been tempted to settle for digital connection over physical presence, and why?
- Discuss the recent statistics on the loneliness epidemic and how the church (YOU) can better serve the lonely among us.
- What specific temptations does Beijing bring regarding loneliness?

3. The sermon ends with four practical actions: (1) name your aloneness, (2) choose real presence over digital convenience, (3) invest in this community, and (4) stay connected to Jesus.

- Which of these four steps is most challenging for you right now and why?
- What is one specific thing you will do this week to take that step—and who in this group will hold you accountable?



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Technology and Temptation
Genesis 3:1-6

Sermon Overview

As you read this message you are probably holding or sitting in front of some electronic device, utilizing an email server that delivered this message, which your internet provider routed across networks, and finally a home router or cell tower brought it to your screen. In other words, you are highly engaged with technology.

Technology is everywhere. It is so invasive, even the Amish can't fully escape it. Because it is everywhere, it has become commonplace, which means you are most likely unaware of how much you are engaging with technology every second of every day. How many times did you pick up your cell phone today? How many times did you check your email? How many hours did you spend scrolling Instagram or checking WeChat messages? The actual number might surprise you.

The danger with our mindless usage of technology is that technology is not natural. Just as introducing an invasive species into the ecosystem changes the entire ecosystem, so too new technologies change the culture around us. And in so doing, it seeks to change us. Therefore, we must be vigilant in our tech usage to guard our hearts from all forms of temptation. We use it every day—but how often do we pause to ask: What is this doing to my soul? More specifically, in what ways is technology tempting me to sin against the God who loves me and died to redeem me?

This Sunday, we'll reflect on the world's first temptation in order to help us better know how to guard against the ever-present temptations of technology.

In Him,

Elder TJ Johnson

Did God Actually Say

Sermon Outline

Title: Technology and Temptation

Text: Genesis 3:1-6

Proposition: Technology is never neutral, but rather is always influencing us for good or evil; therefore, we must not allow technology to lead us into sin.

- 1. Satan Seeks to Deceive God's People.**
- 2. Satan Seeks to Discredit God.**
- 3. Satan Seeks to Dethrone God.**

Sermon Notes

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Did God Actually Say

Discussion Questions

“1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.” Genesis 3:1-6

- 1. What are some ways technology has changed the church today, and do you think this is a good change? Explain.**
- 2. In what ways does the Bible portray Satan as crafty and deceptive? In what ways do you think Satan is crafty and deceptive with technology today, and how can we “be wise as serpents” toward deceptive technology?**
- 3. Give examples from the Bible where Satan seeks to discredit God’s Word or cause believers to doubt God’s trustworthiness.**
- 4. In what ways is Satan using technology today to distort, discredit or sow doubt toward God’s Word?**
- 5. In what ways does technology make us more self-centered and less “reliant” on God, and how do we resist this temptation?**
- 6. How does Genesis 3:6 describe the attractiveness of temptation (see also 1 John 2:16-17), and how might this relate to temptations with technology today?**



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- 7. In your own opinion, what are the biggest temptations that modern technology poses today?**
- 8. Considering the present state of technology, what are your biggest concerns about the future and its impact on the Christian life?**

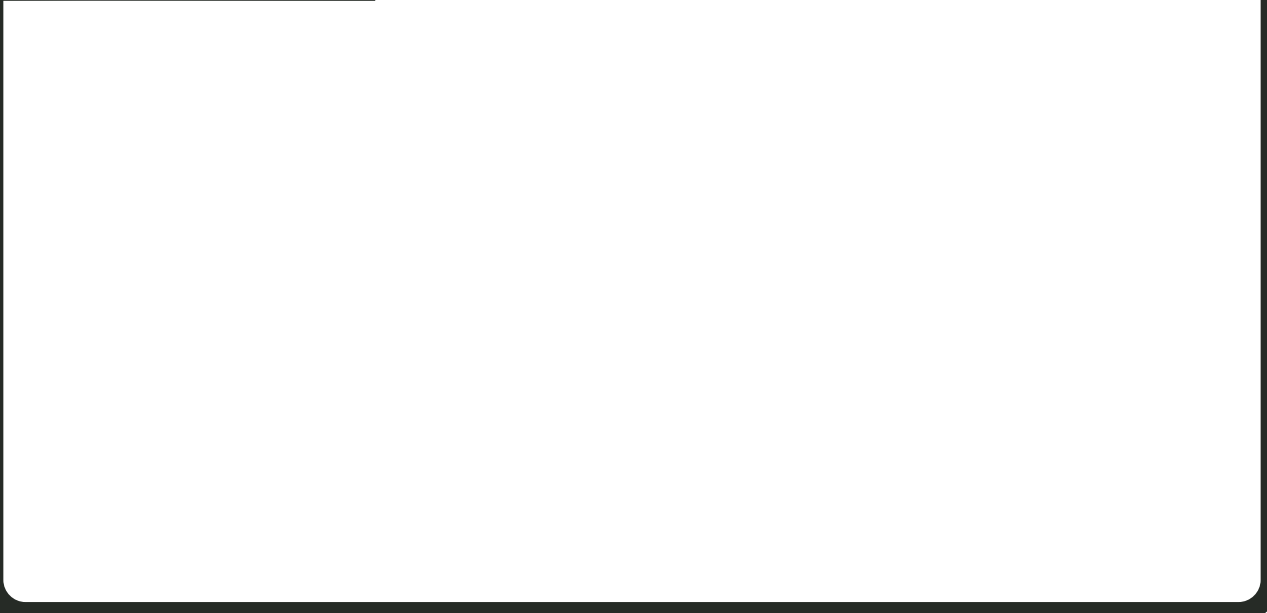


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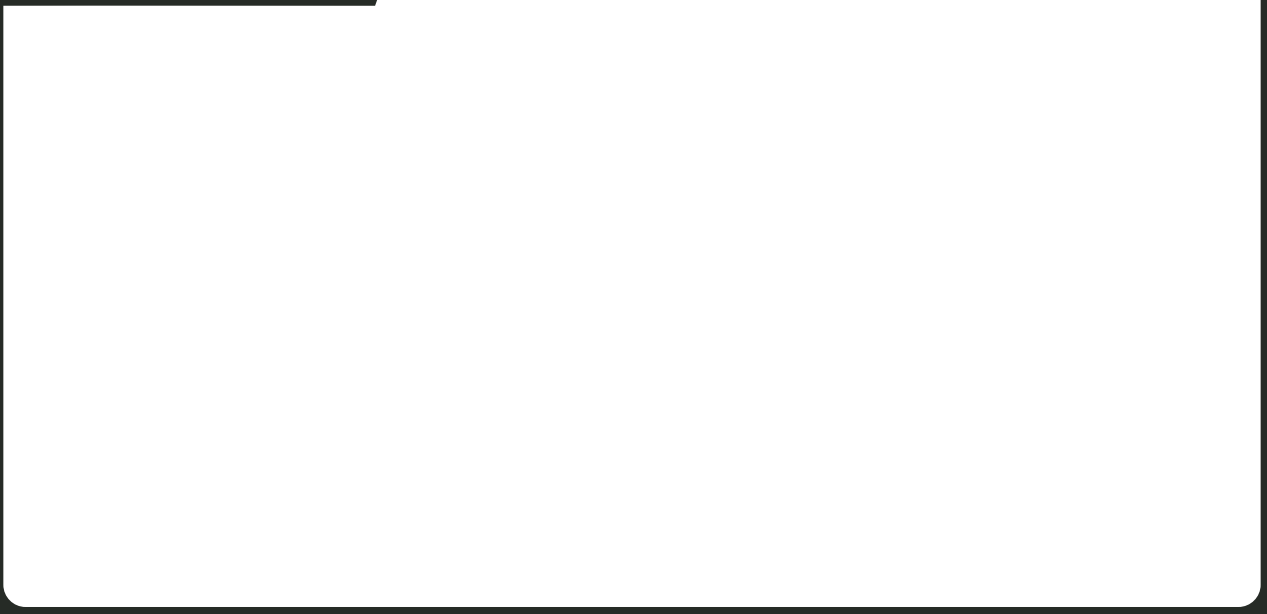
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Have Dominion Over: Using
Technology to the Glory of God
Genesis 1:28

Sermon Overview

Last week's sermon focused mainly on the potential evil usage of technology. It was a reminder that every time we pick up our devices, we must be keenly aware that Satan is there, encouraging us to use it for sinful purposes.

This week, we will look at the potential good usage of technology. Since creation, God has commissioned humanity to push back the darkness and shape the wild world into spaces that glorify Him. From plows to smartphones, technology has always been a tool to assist humanity in their God-given mission to subdue the earth. This means that every time we pick up our devices, we must be keenly aware that the Holy Spirit is there, encouraging us to use it to bring great good into our world.

This Sunday, we will explore the creation mandate in Genesis 1:28 and offer five principles for using technology to cultivate His world for His glory.

Elder TJ Johnson



Have Dominion

Sermon Outline

Title: Have Dominion Over: Using Technology to the Glory of God

Text: Genesis 1:28

Prop: God has commanded and empowered humanity to rule over all of creation, therefore, our technology must serve rather than sabotage this mission.

- 1. Subdue All the Earth.**
- 2. Subdue Only the Earth.**
- 3. Subdue Creation, Not One Another.**
- 4. Subdue, Not Be Subdued.**
- 5. Subdue for the Glory of God.**

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Have Dominion

Discussion Questions

“And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.””

Genesis 1:28

- 1. What specific 'wilderness' has God placed before you to cultivate—your home, your workplace, your community, or something else? How has He uniquely equipped you for that task, and what technology has been most helpful in fulfilling that calling?**
- 2. The fall has made it harder for humanity to subdue the earth (Genesis 3:17-19). Where have you felt that friction most acutely—whether in your work, your home, or your personal life? How have you responded to that frustration, and where have you been tempted to give up or become passive?**
- 3. Using the six days of creation pattern (1/4, 2/5, 3/6) discuss how humanity has used technology to subdue (form and fill) the earth. What areas do you feel are still “wild” and in need of subduing?**
- 4. Technology can sometimes tempt us to escape earth rather than cultivate it—whether through doom-scrolling, virtual reality, dystopian fatalism, or fantasies of colonizing other planets. What are some modern examples of this 'retreat from earth,' and why should Christians resist this mindset? How does our hope in the new heavens and new earth (Revelation 21:1-5) shape a healthier view of our earthly calling?**
- 5. Despite its power, technology cannot solve humanity's deepest problems—sin, death, meaninglessness, or the brokenness of the human heart. What problems have you seen technology fail to fix, and what does that limitation teach us about our need for Christ? How should this humble us in our technological ambitions?**



Have Dominion

Discussion Questions

6. In what ways have we used technology to subdue other humans, and how can the church be a voice against such unethical usage of technology? Can you think of any examples from history where Christians spoke out in such situations?
7. What practical boundaries have you and your family put in place to keep technology as a servant, not a master? What changes (small or large) might God be asking you to make in your tech habits?
8. While technology can be used for great good, the intent behind our tech usage is equally important (Romans 14:23). How do you ensure you are not just doing good with technology, but doing good for the explicit purpose of bringing glory to God? Do you ever feel as if your work can't contribute to the Kingdom mission? If so, why?
9. What are some ways technology has been used to advance the gospel and how have you personally used technology to share the gospel?

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