



## FAMILY BEGINNINGS AND BUILDING BLOCKS

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*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." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.* GENESIS 1:26-27 ESV

If the nuclear family has failed, what comes next? Many Americans are reimagining life at home, exploring models of kinship and community that might help more people flourish. JOE PINSKER, *THE ATLANTIC*

### Back to the Beginning

1. God created us to \_\_\_\_\_ His image.

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GENESIS 1:26 ESV

Image of God = \_\_\_\_\_ in Latin.

What is the image of God?

*“Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”* <sup>18</sup> *But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites?”* <sup>19</sup> *Show me the coin for the tax.”* *And they brought him a denarius.* <sup>20</sup> *And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?”* <sup>21</sup> *They said, “Caesar’s.”* *Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”* <sup>22</sup> *When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.* MATTHEW 22:17-22 ESV

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God is \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ was His idea.

The devil’s new game plan is a direct assault on the image of God through \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

2. God created the family to \_\_\_\_\_ His image.

*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 ESV

Procreation \_\_\_\_\_ the image of God and brings Him \_\_\_\_\_.