

THE BIG IDEA: Things make more sense when we look to The Maker.

The Take-Off

I want to teach you a spiritual principle that is so foundational that everyone agrees with it - even without Jesus
But first, a story and a question...

You just bought a brand new phone and after using it for a day or two, it develops problems.

The screen isn't working correctly - you're butt-dialing all of your contacts - sometimes it drops connection even though you've got blazing WiFi

You know you've got to get it repaired and so you start finding the best place to take it

Now, the question. Which logo represents the authorized dealer that you choose?

[SLIDE 01 - logos]

Hold up 1 or 2 fingers to show us all your choice

Don't miss this simple but powerful observation: your choice has everything to do with what type of phone you have.

iPhone? You're calling the Apple Store or an authorized Apple Repair shop.

Samsung? You're calling an authorized Samsung dealer.

But no matter which one you chose, my guess is that you chose the maker of your phone to fix your phone.

Turn with me to **Psalm 139:13-15 (NLT)** and let's read about how we were made.

You and I have a Maker, and yet what we see all around us are people trying to fix themselves in a way that they won't even use for their own phones.

We take devices to the manufacturers for repair because they know the devices better than anyone else, but we won't take our broken, less than desirable lives to The Maker who knows us better than anyone else.

This morning, I want to encourage you to look up.

Don't settle for looking around to get solutions and suggestions from friends or podcasts or books or worldly philosophy

Look up to the heavens and be reminded of who your Maker is - take your lives to the one who knows you best

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In Genesis 15:5, God told Abraham to look up and count the stars

The heavens are mentioned 622 times in the Bible - I'd say God wants us to look up!

Here are 5 things we'll see when we look up:

1. The size of God

- a. **Job 22:12 (CSB)** / Not everything that Job's friends tell him is true, but this is
- b. If you've ever been in creation and felt small, you understand this verse as well as **Isaiah 40:12 (CEV)**
- c. When we look up we see **the size of God** and gain perspective

2. The strength of God

- a. But God is more than just big
- b. I know guys who are huge and I think they'd be great linemen in football, but they aren't strong
- c. **Isaiah 40:26 (NLT)** tells us that God is powerful
- d. When we look up we see **the strength of God** and gain protection

3. The salvation of God

- e. **Psalm 121:1-2 (NLT)** give us more insight
- f. When we look up we see **the salvation of God** and gain peace
- g. It's not that he might save us, but that he will - we can rest knowing where our help comes from
- h. **Isaiah 35:4 (NLT)** / He will come and save you

4. The speed of God

- a. Of course, the fact that God will save us presents a bit of a problem, doesn't it?
- b. When will he save us? The obvious answer is, "not as soon as we'd like."
- c. **2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)** shows us God's timing and the reason behind it
- d. When we look up we see **the speed of God** and gain patience

5. The Son of God

- a. Finally, when we look up we see **the Son of God** and gain perfection
- b. **Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT)** reminds us that it is Jesus who is perfecting us
- c. Romans 8:29 tells us that we're destined to look like Jesus
- d. But only if we bring our lives to the one who made us

The Landing

That's what I want all of us to do today - bring our lives to the Maker

Things make more sense when we look to the Maker!

Some of us are trying to "jailbreak" our lives by living them in ways we weren't made for - it's time to allow the Holy Spirit to reset us to the original specs

God is good and he is a good designer - do with your life what you would do with your device and let the one who made you remake you.

Let's pray