



KNOW IT!

This sermon reminds us that Genesis 1 reveals a God who is not distant or disengaged, but actively creating and sustaining the world even now. As the opening Hebrew phrase *bereshith bara elohim* shows, Scripture points to an ongoing work of creation—our lives and our world are “under construction,” not abandoned. Though the world often feels messy or broken, the Bible is our blueprint, assuring us that God calls creation good and is faithfully bringing all things toward completion. With God as our architect and Christ as our cornerstone, our acts of love and service become part of God’s continuing work to make all things new.

READ IT!

- **Philippians 1:6** Paul’s assurance that “the one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion” perfectly mirrors the theme that God is still creating and shaping us.
- **Isaiah 64:8** “We are the clay, and you are our potter.” A vivid image of God’s ongoing craftsmanship and our lives as works in progress.
- **Romans 8:18–25** Creation “groaning” while waiting for redemption reinforces the idea that the world is unfinished yet moving toward God’s promised restoration.
- **Revelation 21:1–5** God’s promise to “make all things new” directly supports the idea that God is actively bringing creation toward its intended completion.
- **“Les Misérables” — Victor Hugo** Jean Valjean’s transformation embodies redemption as a long, messy, grace-driven process in line with the message of God’s ongoing work.

WATCH IT!

- ***The Shawshank Redemption*** A powerful story of long-term transformation, perseverance, and hope emerging slowly through hardship—mirroring the “work-in-progress” theme.
- ***The Pursuit of Happiness*** A modern parable of struggle, resilience, and the slow building of a new life through perseverance and unseen grace.
- ***Essentials of Faith*** — RightNow Media curriculum. A discipleship journey that highlights how God continues to build, shape, and grow believers over time.

LIVE IT!

1. Open the Blueprint The sermon reminds us that *“The Bible is our blueprint... the picture and plan for God’s good creation.”*

Choose one simple way to stay in Scripture this year:

- Read one chapter a day
- Join a Bible study
- Follow a reading plan Let God’s Word shape how you see the world — and yourself.

2. Trust the Process We heard that *“our lives... are nothing more than a work-in-progress.”* Each morning, name one place in your life that feels “under construction.” Pray: **“God, keep creating in me today.”** Expect God to keep building.

3. Build Something Good The sermon said: *“Our acts of compassion and service are part of what God is doing.”* This week, choose one small act of hope to “build up” someone else:

- Encourage someone through a note, email, phone call or text
- Help a neighbor through an unexpected act of service
- Give generously toward a cause near and dear to your heart
- Speak kindness online. Your words and actions become signs that God is still at work.

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