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# CANVAS

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## > *Genesis 2:19-20* <

Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them: and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

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My wife is an artist. It's incredible the stories she can tell and the places she can take you to with some simple colors and a blank canvas. She has the ability to imagine whole worlds and literally brush them into existence in just a few short hours. She has a gift, and it's incredible to watch her use it. Most people are not professional artists like my wife. Most of us have a difficult time imagining non-existent people and places, yet alone create them with such vivid detail, personality, and life. It's a unique skill.

One of the many names for God is the name Creator. When I hear that name I don't think of an old, white-bearded man sitting up in the cosmos speaking things into existence through out the vast nothingness. I think of an artist. I see God creating on an empty canvas all that we see around us. In Genesis 2 we see God doing something extraordinary, God calls Adam to be a co-creator. It's incredible to think that the great Creator wanted Adam, and in a way, us, to create alongside Him.

One of the most extraordinary tasks that God calls each of us to is to be co-creators of our own life and story. We have a blank canvas that we get to begin a co-created masterpiece on. Each of us come to the canvas with different tools and materials but each of us are called to, with God, create something that's worthy of the great Creator's name. We often look at life as something we do. How different your life would be if you began to understand yourself as an artist who was commissioned with co-creating your life's masterpiece. I bet things might get a little more colorful!

### **Go and Do**

Art is an amazing tool in our spirituality. Over the next few days begin a search for a piece of art that describes where you are in your life and your spirituality.

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