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All things were created through him and for him. Colossians 1:16

Summer is finally here. Your windows can be opened at night to let a cool night's breeze flow through. You can run in the sprinkler when the day is hot. That wood you've been stock piling can find its way into the fire pit to keep the conversation going as the sun goes down and the stars pop out. Maybe you are a beach person. Perhaps camping is on the agenda. Whatever it is for you, summer offers the chance to be outside way more than the winter does.

Creation itself testifies of our God. *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork - Psalm 19:1.* The more you look, the more you see. Not only do you see beauty but you also see how God sets everything in order to work together just right. From the sun being closer to bring warmth in order that plants and trees should grow, to rain, creeping things, birds of the air, and beasts of the field. God has ordered His creation to work well together and has given it all to you! Summer provides the opportunity to relish in it! To gaze with childlike wonder at all the Lord has created and for you to consider that of all the amazing things, you are the pinnacle of His creation. This is precisely what David does when he writes Psalm 8 and says, *When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? - Psalm 8:3-4.*

Many people deny that God is the creator of the heavens and the earth (which is why I steer clear of using the term "mother nature"). And if they deny that God made all things, they necessarily deny that He made them too. This leaves them with an unfortunate conclusion: the world and all that is in it, including me, is simply a result of chance and therefore has no real meaning so I must create my own. That's a heart-breaking conclusion which will lead to despair or other great shame or vice. Summer calls you outside to see the work of the Lord who created you and the world where you live that you too would proclaim His handiwork!

Your Lord has ordered all things well. The sun, moon, stars, seasons, and all of creation are given to point toward Him (see Romans 1:20). He has given them for your enjoyment and for your benefit. He wants you to see that you are created by Him and for Him, that you are not a result of chance, and that, in fact, you are fearfully and wonderfully made.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. (Apostle's Creed)

Go outside this summer and ponder these great truths!

In Christ,
Pastor Suggitt

LIFE QUOTE

Committed, present, and selfless fathers are the antidote to the culture that has embraced abortion. If we want to end abortion and restore a culture of life, then we need men to embrace fatherhood. We need to take on the great mission, the life-long quest of courage, servitude, and faith. So, let's cheer on fathers for the amazing work they do. They're shaping the future, one day at a time, with God's love as their guide.

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