



## **Sermon Notes: “Outsourcing Humanity”**

Genesis 2:7, 18, Luke 24:39, 1 Corinthians 15:42-44

1.25.26

### **AI: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

- **Artificial:** Man-made, not God given.
- **Intelligence:** that is operationalized, not neurological.

**Transhumanism:** A movement that advocates for the use of advanced technology to enhance human capabilities, aiming to transcend biological limitations of the human body and improve the human condition—psychologically (how we think and feel) and societally (how we live).

**The great concern:** Transhumanism is the attempt to replace the essential areas that God gave to humanity.

### **HUMANITY MARKERS:**

#### **People: Fully Human = Relational**

- Humanity is an embodied community experience.
  - You don't need to ESCAPE your body. Christ came to REDEEM your body.
- AI is connection without cost.
  - Zero risk, zero growth, zero real love

#### **PLACE - Fully Human = Rooted In & Stewards of Creation**

- You create because you were created for this place—to thrive and be fruitful!

#### **Prayer: Fully Human = Contemplative**

- AI can give you instant answers.
- Prayer isn't about instant answers, it's about communion with God.

#### **Past: Fully Human = Historically Grounded**

- AI has no memory - only data.
- You are part of a story that goes back to Eden.

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## **So What?**

1. **AUDIT YOUR TECH USE**
2. **BE WISE FOR THE TIMES**
3. **PRACTICE THE 4 P'S**

### **The Bottom Line:**

AI is not our Enemy or our Savior. It's a tool.

## For Study, Reflection, Discussion During the Week:

**Life Group ICEBREAKER:** What's the most helpful way you've used technology this week? What's a way it got in the way of real connection?

Review the sermon notes from Sunday. Was there a particular point that stuck with you? What was it and why did it resonate with you?

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### READ: Genesis 2:7, 18

- God BREATHED LIFE into us." What's the difference between being built and being breathed into?
  - Why did God say, "It is not good for man to be alone"? What does this tell us about how we were designed?
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### READ: Luke 24:39 and 1 Corinthians 15:42-44

- After His resurrection, Jesus insisted He still had a body. Why does this matter for how we think about our own bodies?
  - Transhumanists want to "upload consciousness" and escape the body. How is God's promise of bodily resurrection different—and better?
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### READ: 1 Samuel 7:12 and Hebrews 12:1

- What are your personal "Ebenezers"? These are moments where you can say, "God was faithful here."
  - Darin said, "AI has no memory—only data. But YOU are part of a story that goes back to Eden." How does being part of a bigger story change how you live today?
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**Deploy:** AI is not our enemy or our savior—it's a tool we must steward wisely.

#### This Week:

- **Audit Your Tech Use** - Ask: "Is this helping me love God and people better?" What needs to change?
  - **Be Wise for the Times** - Watch the full Zack Coffin video on AI at [church website]. Discuss it with your family or friends.
  - **Practice ONE of the 4 P's:**
    - **PEOPLE** - Put your phone away during meals. Have a face-to-face conversation this week.
    - **PLACE** - Show up somewhere physically (church, small group, friend's house). Your presence matters.
    - **PRAYER** - Spend 10 minutes in silence before God each day (no screens).
    - **PAST** - Read a Psalm written 3,000 years ago. Write down your own "Ebenezer" moment.
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#### Don't Forget:

- **Mexico Mission Trip** Fundraiser dinner: Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.
  - **Full Zack Coffin AI Video** (1.5 hours) available on ECC website - highly recommended for deeper understanding.
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#### Prayer:

*Father,*

*Thank You that You breathed life into us—we are image-bearers with eternal value.*

*Forgive us for letting technology make us less human. We've chosen convenience over connection, efficiency over presence.*

*Help us steward technology wisely. Protect our kids and grandkids. Make our church a place of authentic human connection—messy, costly, and real.*

*For those struggling with loneliness: remind them they were made for real relationship, not algorithms.*

*We are Yours. Our humanity is a gift from You. You don't need to upgrade us. You came to REDEEM us.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen.*