



by Kim Marquette

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I have a confession to make. I like to pretend.

My oldest son moved back home with an 85 lb chocolate lab in tow, (lots of stuff also, but that is for another discussion entitled, "Where do they get all this stuff and why?"). Now we already have two dogs and a cat, so I wasn't sure about adding another four-legged creature. As it turns out, she is a delight and for one main reason - she loves to walk with me. A couple times a week I don my "north Dallas" walking outfit (skirt and tank), attach Lucy's way cool skull design Chaco leash, crank up my IPOD and head to the park, playing on my IPOD – "You've Got Mail" soundtrack.

I so long to live an urban lifestyle that I pretend on my walks with Lucy that I am in Central Park in New York City instead of Tyson Park in Springdale, Arkansas.

Unfortunately, these harmless walks are not where the pretending stops. Sometimes I just want to be someone else - skinnier, cuter, richer, funnier, smarter...well you know what I mean. Scripture tells me that the world and its desires will all pass away (they sure are pesky in the meantime), but the man who does the will of God lives forever. I know this to be true, but it is so hard to resist. Ugh! Now maybe you don't have the wild imagination that I have, but I'm betting you get distracted, become discontent and want to be someone or something you are not. Thus far I have yet to run across any female who does not (sooner or later) fall into the comparison game.

The truth of the matter is this - we all have a role to play - all the other roles are taken and if you don't play your role, who will?

In the beginning God spoke into existence:

Light - assigned role - separate night and day.

An expanse - assigned role - create earth and sky.

Gatherings of the water - assigned role - separate land and water.

Vegetation - assigned a role - cover the land.

Lights in the sky - assigned role - govern day and night.

Creatures of the sea and air - assigned roles - fill the sky and sea.

Creatures of the land - assigned a role - fill the land.

Man - assigned role - impact the world!

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them {BTW that's the first poem in scripture}. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Genesis 1:27-28

Reflect and Respond

God spoke into existence - you - assigned a role - impact the world.

Get out there and be you - nothing more, nothing less. Play your role!



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