



Album Cover Benson Boone  
In The Stars

“You must have chaos within you to give birth to a dancing star.”  
— Friedrich Nietzsche

“The irreversibility of time is the mechanism that brings order out of chaos.”  
— Ilya Prigogine



בְּרֵאשִׁית אֱלֹהִים

בָּרָא

אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם

ORDER  
וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ  
from  
CHAOS

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.  
Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was  
over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was  
hovering over the waters.*



# בְּרֵאשִׁית בְּרָא

"In the beginning . . . (of creating)"



## Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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As you read through the words what do you sense it's a time for in your life? Everything has a inspiration date and then an initiation date and an introduction date. Everything has an expiration date. Wisdom is knowing what is beginning and what is ending.

And what needs to end in your life?

So what needs to begin in your life?

Now think about time, your most valuable and most powerful human resource is TIME. Time is always beginning something and always ending something in each moment.



# אֱלֹהִים

". . . God [Elohim] . . ."



## Romans 10:5-13

**Lectio Divina.** Lordship. Lordship. Lordship. This is where Paul challenges all chaotic dwellers to take the frustrations of chaos.

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Paul opens up the monologue by describing the distance religion creates between us and God--ascending and descending- it's a frustrating and angst filled task self-helping our way up and down to God. There is another way all we need is to begin and the genesis to bring order to your life is simple faith and that faith is as present as your mouth and as real as your heart.

"Whoever calls on the name of the Lord" means the moment we cry out and ask God to be Lord, i.e. Master, over our chaos our heart enters into an agreement to be ordered by his Lordship, and that inner shift sparks faith which in turn initiates a series of processes designed to bring about order.

3.

## אֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם

"... the heavens ..."



## Matthew 6:25-34

**Lectio Divina.** God creates hierarchies, things above from things below. Values and priorities. In the beginning there must be a separating of the things that matter most from the things that matter least.

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What does it mean to seek first the kingdom? If Jesus is Lord and he is ordering your path what would it look like to prioritize his kingdom in your life? The most prevailing activity of God throughout the ordering of the universe is "separation and distinction" (Leo Strauss)

4.

## וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ

"... and the earth ..."



## Matthew 6:25-34

**Lectio Divina.** What earthly things give you the most anxiety or create the most chaos in your life? What worries hold you hostage the most?

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List your worries (these are the things that are most chaotic in your life). Asking Jesus to be Lord over this isn't merely asking for help, or asking for a miracle, but asking Jesus to order your life with his word, teachings, and example. Most people who have never reached the bottom ever reach the point where they are willing to just be mastered, ordered, directed by Jesus. People who are in the abyss of chaos get to that point: women-at-wells, blind-beggars, demon-possessed-grave-robbers.



5.

תְּהוּ וְבוּהוּ

" . . . formless and empty . . . "



## Psalm 104:1-9

**Lectio Divina. Tohu v'bohu.** The Psalter presents the primordial waters as bound, but still existing as a potential threat should they break free. There is this constant sense that God co-exists with chaos, that it is always present albeit at bay.

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The yin and yang symbols were used to give voice to this idea of order from chaos and chaos from order in all its cyclical existence. That inside order (white snake) there is always a little chaos and inside chaos (black snake) there is always a little order. The Genesis language of this is that God works with chaos to bring about order and in Isaiah we see the same language of *tohu v'bohu* (Is 34, esp vs 11) to describe how God will bring chaos on Edom to bring order into the world. The point seems to be that sometimes we need chaos to disrupt our lives in order to bring about the order of God. Think of the chaos of the cross (formlessness), the chaos of the empty tomb (void) as necessary chaos for their to be the order of resurrection.

6.

רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֵף

" . . . and the Spirit of Elohim was hovering . . . "



## Matthew 3:13-17

**Lectio Divina. Notice the waters (like Genesis), Jesus coming up out of the waters (like a work of creation) and the Spirit, like a dove flittering over the waters (like Genesis).**

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The language here is reminder that God creates all things in his love. And the movement of Jesus coming up out of the waters reminds us that we come forth from the abyss, from the waters when we hear the love of God flittering over us.



# OPPORTUNITIES *To Love and Beloved*



## December CALENDAR

### Coming Up

- Christmas Caroling Night
- Popcorn and Movie Night
- YWAM hot cocoa and coffee night.



## HELP NEEDED



## COMMUNAL PRAYER REQUEST



## COMMUNAL PRAISE BOARD

*See prayer cards on the table to submit a personal prayer or praise.*

### November Month-to-Date



Budget	Tithe & Offerings	Outstanding
\$17,930.23*	\$12,186.03	\$-5,744.20

**Vision.** *Our vision for the next 18 months (12/23) is to have each operation financially self-sustaining.*

**Building:** for the building to be self-sustained (mortgage, utilities) thru residential and event rentals.

**Church:** for the offerings/tithes to fund our social impact missions of anti-human trafficking in Nepal, homelessness in SF, recovery to those in need, and monthly neighborhood events as well as operational costs.

**Pastoral:** for Jeff's content creation (e-course sales, coaching) to pay his salary and other future salaries.

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