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#### vi Trying to find our way







# God is at work in his world





Genesis 22:8 God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

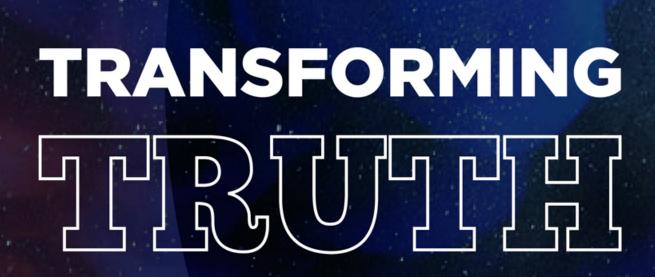




# God is at work in his world

#### i. in creation





Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word....





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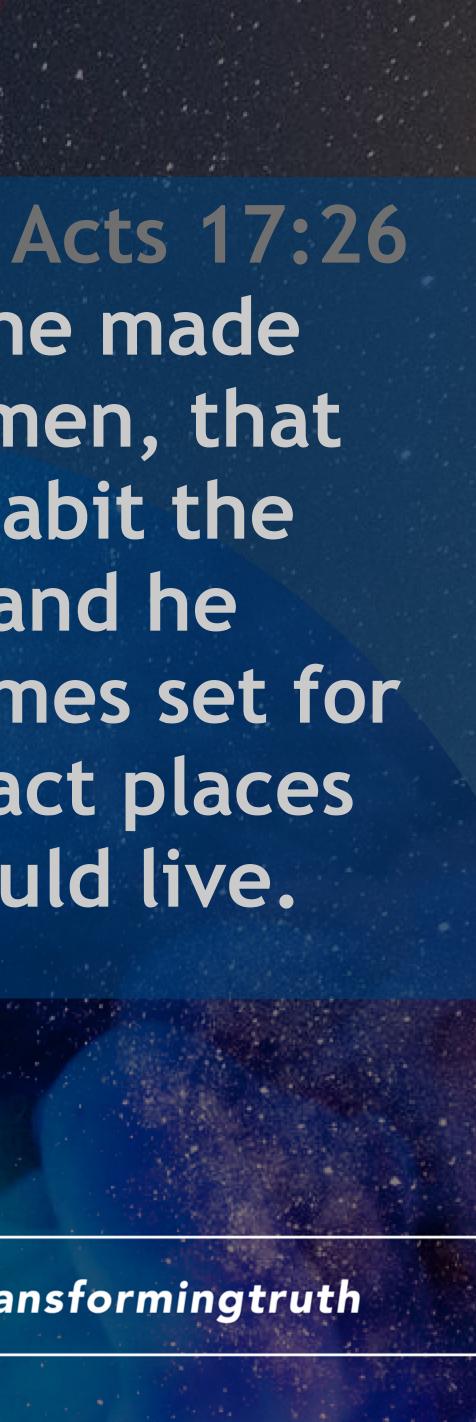
#### ii. through history





From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

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### God is at work in his world

iii. through pagan nations & rulers





#### Isaiah 10:5 Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of my anger, in whose hand is the club of my wrath!



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Isaiah 44:28 ...who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd and will accomplish all that I please; he will say of Jerusalem, "Let it be rebuilt" and of the temple, "Let its foundations be laid."





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#### iv. through dreadful evil





Genesis 50:20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.





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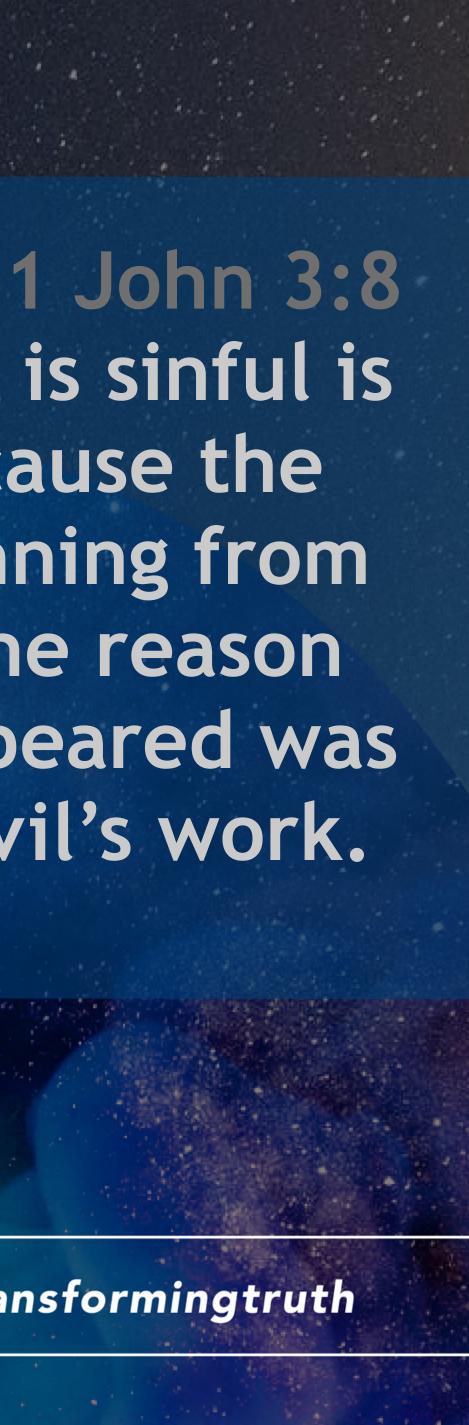
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He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.





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Acts 2:23 This man was handed over to you... and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.



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Acts 2:23 This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and

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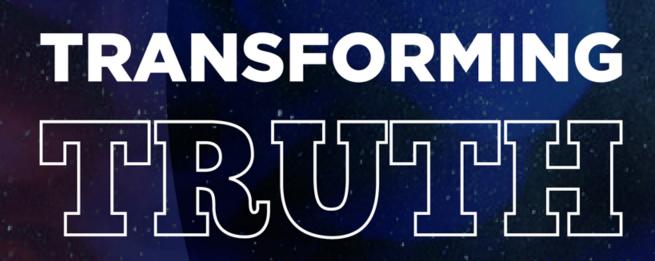




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Acts 4:27-28 **Indeed Herod** and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.



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Acts 4:28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen

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Habakkuk 2:14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the Sea.



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#### A PROMISE





Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.





## Joseph: The lessons of brovidence

### 1. Don't stop moving





#### Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley





## Joseph: The lessons of providence

# 2. Discover God's presence





**Psalm 23:4** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.





## Joseph: The lessons of providence

# 2. Discover God's presence





Jonah 2:2 "In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry.





## Joseph: The lessons of brovidence

### 2. Discover God's presence





Isaiah 45:3 Isaiah 45:3 I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.

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## Joseph: The lessons of providence

# 3. Decide to look for what God is doing





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## Joseph: The lessons of providence

## 4. Declare the best is still to come





**Geness 50:24** l am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."





Hebrews 11:13-16 All these people were still living by faith when they died. .... And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. .... they were longing for a better country--a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.





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