Yo, what’s good? Today I want to start the conversation about the gospel. The gospel is the message that separates our faith from every other faith and philosophy on planet Earth. You see in the gospel in this one message, the omnipotent power of God is kind of encapsulated. What that means is that this is the message that tells us the reality of who created us, why we were created, and what our mission for living our life should look like. I want to start the conversation today not talking about sin or any other issue. Rather, I think the best place to start the gospel conversation is with the dignity of human beings.

You see, every human being is an image bearer of God. Now let me tell you what that means. According to Genesis 1:26-27, the Bible tells us that all human beings are made in the image of God; so that makes us unique from every other form of creation. That means there are things that are different about human beings than animals, birds, creatures of the sea, the sky, mountains, and everything in between. In addition to us being unique, what this helps us understand is that what makes us unique is the fact that we have a dignity about us that other forms of creation don’t have. That dignity is the reality of us being image bearers of God. Now being an image bearer of God does not make us God: rather, it means that we are called to represent God who shared with us like snapshots of His character that He didn’t give any other form of creation. See, He gave human beings the ability to know right from wrong. That’s what we call morality. He gave us personalities. Every single one of us has a different type. In addition to this, He also gave us spirituality. He gave us a soul that He breathed the breath of life into—knowing that we would live for all of eternity.

In addition to this, because we have dignity, we have a responsibility. The responsibility that God gave Adam and Eve in the garden was to make sure they took care of God’s creation—the plants, the animals, and everything in between—but then also the reality of filling the earth by procreation. God instituted this
wonderful covenant called marriage between one man and one woman. And through God’s plan and design, He wanted children to come forth from that union of one man and one woman. So every single human being that is walking amongst us today—everyone on your block, everyone in your school, everyone in your house—everyone is an image bearer of God. And we should treat them with equal respect and dignity. The world and other individuals who do not understand this truth may want us to act like we’re animals. They may want us to say that “Oh, you’re just doing those instincts.” But remember when those things are said to you, that’s taking away the dignity that God has given you from the time you were created in your mother’s womb. So when you have conversations about the truth of our dignity, think through those realities of why you do things the way you do and how you feel when you do something wrong; God has wired you and me uniquely from every other form of creation. You’re an image-bearer of God. Understand your responsibility. Work through those conversations.