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- The story of humanity doesn't begin with a big bang or primordial ooze or aliens from another solar system
 - It originated in the mind, authority and power of Elohim, the mighty creator of heaven and earth
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 - The Hebrew word for breath is neshamah - referring to the "breath of life" bestowed by God
 - It carries the idea of a continuous, active giving—a constant giving of life-breath and spirit to humanity
 - This continuous action shows that humanity's dependence on God is absolute, as he sustains life, not just initiates it

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 - Created – Bara, To create, shape, or form something entirely new rather than remodeling of pre-existing objects
 - Spirit of God - Ruach Elohim
 - Ruach – Hebrew for breath, spirit, wind – Power, Presence, Protection

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 - Hovering – We find the Spirit of God (*Ruach Elohim*) actively moving over the waters, implying a gentle, protective, and energetic brooding
 - I see this describing God as excited about what He is about to create
 - Similar to being outside surrounded by a pending thunderstorm

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- **Genesis 1:27 NIV**, “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”
 - **Genesis 2:7 NIV**, “then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.”
 - Remember **Isaiah 42:5 NIV**, “who gives breath to its people”
 - God got His hands dirty

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 - “Breath of Life” = This is the divine, animating (*to give life, energy, or motion to something*) life-force God breathes into humanity, making them living beings
 - It’s more than just physical breath
 - It represents the act of giving, sharing, or granting something of a special, spiritual life directly from God through “*Ruach Elohim*”
 - Highlighting the unique, intimate, and dependent relationship between mankind and their Creator

We see “Ruach Elohim”, the Spirit of God, working in His creation throughout history

- God’s Spirit comes upon those who speak for Him
 - **Genesis 41:38 ESV**, “And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?”
 - “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Ruach Elohim?”
 - **2nd Timothy 3:16-17 ESV**, 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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 - **Numbers 22:27-31 ESV**, 27 When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she lay down under Balaam. And Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. 28 Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, “What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?”

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 - **Numbers 22:27-31 ESV**, 29 And Balaam said to the donkey, “Because you have made a fool of me. I wish I had a sword in my hand, for then I would kill you.” 30 And the donkey said to Balaam, “Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Is it my habit to treat you this way?” And he said, “No.”
 - 31 Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand. And he bowed down and fell on his face.

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 - The Lord inspired all the artistry, according to what He had in mind for His holy Temple
 - **Exodus 31:2-5 ESV**, 2 “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, 4 to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, 5 in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft.”

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 - **Exodus 31:6 ESV**, “Also I have given ability to all the skilled workers to make everything I have commanded you”

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- God’s Spirit gives life to where there was none
 - In **Ezekiel 37**, Ruach Elohim gave life to the dry bones that Ezekiel saw in his vision
 - Once the words are spoken over them, they come to life and grow muscle, tendons, ligaments and flesh
 - In this case, it is the Ruach Elohim (*breath of God*) which gives life, where previously there was none

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 - **Mark 1:9-11 ESV**, 9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

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 - **Mark 1:12-13 ESV**, 12 The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.
 - **Acts 1:8 ESV**, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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- **Ephesians 2:1 ESV**, “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins”
 - How dead?
 - **Romans 3:10-12 ESV**, 10 “None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”
 - **VS. 17-18 ESV**, “17 and the way of peace they have not known.” 18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

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- **Ephesians 2:1 ESV**, “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins”
 - This is why Jesus tells us in **John 6:44 ESV**, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.”
 - How does the Father us to draw us, give us the faith necessary to believe, raise us up on the last day?
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- You see this in the supernatural encounter of the Apostle Paul with a living Jesus
 - After seeing a vision of Jesus on Damascus road, Paul is temporarily blinded
 - **Acts 9:17 ESV**, “So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

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- The work of the Ruach, Spirit, does three important things
 - He restores spiritual sight by waking up the human spirit through confession
 - The Spirit removes the obstacles of being “*dead in one’s trespasses and sins*”
 - The Spirit indwells us and seals us when we become Born-Again Children of God

God's Holy Spirit also functions as a light Himself

- He illuminates us to the truth and reality of life with God in Christ
 - Sinclair Ferguson, “He does not add information about Jesus, He simply opens our eyes to see who He really is.”
- The role of the Word and Spirit are intimately entwined
 - Someone said, “The Ruach quickens (*to bring to life, revive, or give vitality to something*) us to the veracity (*the quality or state of being truthful, honest, and accurate*) of Scriptures, which are God breathed

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- **Psalm 33:6 ESV** “by the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath (*ruach*) of his mouth all their host.”
 - Ruach reminds us of Jesus' words in the gospels, leads us to truth in the epistles and shows us the things to come in Revelation
 - Like a flashlight shone in the darkness, the Spirit of God lights our path

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 - Much like raccoons and mice like to come out at night, who can deny that there are also “critters” in our hearts
 - Perhaps pride, vanity, being overly concerned with the matters of this world, numbness
 - Sinclair Ferguson continues that the Ruach (*Spirit*) “enlightens our minds to enable to us know, see, grasp and apply the will and purposes of God.”

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- **Psalm 33:6 ESV** “by the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath (*ruach*) of his mouth all their host.”
 - The Ruach shines a light on all our undesirables and ministers to our need with gentle correction and care
 - He is our comforter, our counselor and our helper

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- **Romans 8:11 ESV**, “If the Spirit of him (*Ruach*) who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.”
 - **TLB**, “And if the Spirit of God, who raised up Jesus from the dead, lives in you, he will make your dying bodies live again after you die, by means of this same Holy Spirit living within you.”

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 - Now, don’t miss that—Paul is saying that the Spirit, which resurrected Messiah Jesus from the dead, lives in YOU, today
 - God is encouraging us today through His Ruach
 - He is our comforter, helper, encourager, the breath of life

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 - He brings us a new life in Messiah, and though our outward bodies are wasting away, our inner man, is being renewed each day

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- We can trust that the Ruach knows our whole story, our beginning middle and end
 - He will always give us guidance and comfort when we lack
 - It happens through the power of Ruach – God's breath within us



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