

ORION'S BELT



"Space: the final frontier. These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise..."

I grew up on Star Trek. My dad was, and still is, a Trekkie. As early as I can remember my dad has impressed upon me the wonders of space and the galaxy (and maybe even some alien talk).

I love space, stars, planets, constellations, nebulae, etc. These things interest me and remind me of the vastness of our universe and how much we still do not know or understand about it.

Tuesday morning I left the house early because my dad had surgery for some lung cancer. As I stepped out the front door I was immediately confronted with the great constellation Orion directly in front of me in the southern sky. The sky was clear, and so were the stars. It was a beautiful sight that literally stopped me in my tracks.

Immediately, my mind went to these two verses:



Job 38:31 - *“Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades or loose the cords of Orion?”*

Psalms 19:1 - *“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.”*

We are surrounded every day with the wondrous works of the Lord—creation. We walk among, on top of, and under His wondrous work of creation.

That’s one of the great things about camp—we get to be out in His wondrous work of creation! At camp we experience rocks, trees, the creek, deer, whistle pigs (groundhogs), the breeze, rain, snow, sunlight, warmth...the list could go on and on. God created all of it and it is a constant reminder of His wondrous work.

All of His creation, and especially space, remind me of how small I truly am. It amazes me that in this incomprehensibly vast universe, the Lord not only created me, but knows my name, the hairs on my head, what I’m going through, and desires to have a relationship with me.

You experience all of His creation as well! Every day we operate and live our lives among His creation. How often do we overlook or take for granted these obvious confirmations of God’s wondrous works, and our place in them?

Maybe just take a moment to look out your window, walk outside, stare at the clouds and take notice of God’s wondrous works surrounding you. Let us praise Him for them and that He sees us in His creation, because if we don’t, *“the very stones will cry out (Luke 19:40).”*

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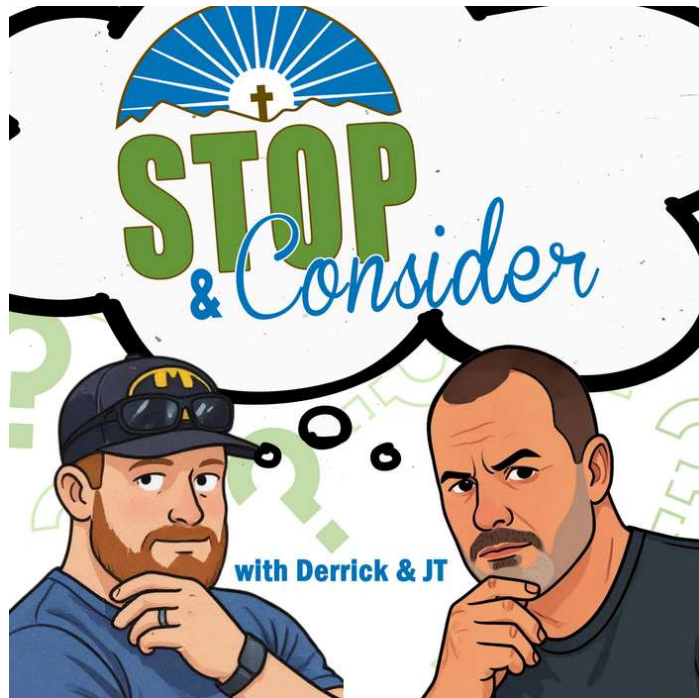
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