Devotion

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-31

**God is in control**  
 When I first started teaching there was an educational movement that promoted an idea called cooperative learning. Cooperative learning involved students getting into groups and discovering a new concept together on their own, rather than a teacher delivering the idea. I admit, this was something I struggled with years ago. I was so familiar to students coming into my classroom quiet and taking notes on the information I gave them. At the time, my mind couldn’t handle the noise level. However, most of all, I struggled with the idea that I didn’t feel like I had control of my classroom.

The last couple of years, it almost seems like our country and world has lost control. As of January 2021, we still deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, political issues, and a myriad of other issues. Naturally, I can’t see any of those issues improving anytime soon. I am so glad God reminds me that He is still in control.

In our passage, we read “*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”* As we read throughout the remainder of the chapter, we read where God created everything that we have. What amazes me about this is as the creator, He didn’t take a bunch of items laying around and produce a final product. However, He spoke everything into existence. This is such as sweet reminder to me even when things are chaotic and seems like no one is in control. Our God, the one who created all that we have; He is still in control. Praise the Lord!

In Christ,  
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