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God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.
~Genesis 1:31

Set the stage for the field of creation. A garden. A man and a woman. The field of creation itself with the God of creation himself walking with his people. Perfection. And yet, as we look out at our world today, there are days when we, at looking out at our world wonder: Could it have ever been? But our inability to imagine doesn't change the God-breathed reality. That it was and would have still been if not for the effects of sin. The same is true for the present reality of racism. God created the world with diversity in mind. His vision for heaven is a world where this diversity sings out to honor him (Revelation 7:9-17).

We wonder about this reality as racism seems to roar, threatening to block the voice of the God who has called us out of darkness into light, into the knowledge and experience of his love for us, we hold to this thought. There will be a day when we stand in heaven with Jesus. When we stand in his presence, if there's even a moment when we do look back on our lives on Earth, we will ask: Could it have ever been that these things happened? Until then, let's seek now to celebrate the diversity God has provided and to reach out with open arms to share the gospel of God's love with those who have yet to hear or believe it, even those who are different than we are.

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