

"Biblical Lessons from Peterson Pond"

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1. Our world is fundamentally <u>unnecessary</u>.

None of this has to be. We were created for God's delight.

-- to bring Him joy. We were <u>never needed</u>. We were, however, <u>always</u> wanted.

All things were created through Him, and for Him. And he is before all things, and in Him <u>all things</u> consist.

Jesus <u>responsible</u> for creating all things. He is also the <u>reason</u> all things continue to exist.

Jesus is both <u>creator</u> and <u>sustainer</u> of our world.

2. Jesus' teachings on love — like cod — can be difficult to transport.

We all have people in our lives that are <u>hard to love</u>.

What if catfish are there to keep me from <u>spoiling</u>, becoming <u>mushy</u>, and dying before I live out my <u>purpose</u>?

But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

3. God doesn't take disobedience lightly.

He didn't want a world filled with puppets.

4. God just wants a <u>relationship</u> with each one of us.

God the Son had to come into our world as a man.

There was simply no other way for God to communicate His love to us.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.