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Week 1: Core Calling and Sin
Text: Gen 1-3 Narrative

Big Idea: God made Men and Women with equal value, but with unique callings.

Principles:

1. **God made Men and Women in His image.** (Gen 1:23-28)
 - If God made us, then He is in charge.
 - Men and Women equally reflect God's nature.
 - Human sexuality is part of reflecting God's nature, so it is good in its designed context. (Gen 2:23-25)
2. **Men are called to take responsibility.** (Gen 2:15-17)
 - Cultivate – Make every environment better.
 - To work and move toward.
3. **Women are called to ezer.** (Gen 2:18-22)
 - Essential counterpart
 - To bring indispensable strength.
 - Men cannot accomplish what God has called humanity to without women.
4. **Sin corrupted our ability to perfectly reflect our calling as men and women.** (3:1-19)
 - Story of the Fall.
 - Men are Passive – Adam Steps Back and Watches
 - Women are Autonomous – Eve Steps up and takes over
 - Curse of Sin brings struggle to our ability to live our calling.

Discussion Questions:

- If you were to be asked what it means to be a man or woman, what would you say?
- What does it mean that God made men and women in His image? How does this differ from your own definition of what it means to be a man or woman?
- **Guys**, what does it mean to be passive and why is it even a problem?
- **Girls**, what does it mean to be autonomous and why is it even a problem?
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- **Guys**, what are examples of passivity you have seen in your own life? And what would it look like for you to reject that passivity?
- **Girls**, what are some examples of autonomy that you have seen in your life? And what would it look like for you to come underneath God's authority?