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Week 3: Femininity Corrupted

Text: Genesis 3

Main Idea: Because Adam and Eve believed the lies of Satan over truth from God sin entered the world and corrupted God's perfect design

Recap:

- We were made by God and set apart from the rest of creation
- Bearing His image allows us to reveal glimpses of God to others
- We have God-given capacities to invite, nurture, and partner

Principles:

1. **God's design was perfect**
 - God desired to know and enjoy Adam and Eve
 - God provided perfectly for their every need
2. **Satan seeks to destroy**
 - Satan manipulates and Eve allows him to deceive her
 - Eve invites evil
 - Eve believed she knew better than God
 - Eve's heart wandered and was drawn to something beyond what God said was true, pure, and excellent
 - Eve places herself in the center
3. **Consequences of Sin**
 - Separation from God
 - Banished from the Garden (Genesis 3:23)
 - We cannot be all God intended us to be
 - Difficult to invite, nurture, partner
 - Desire to Control
 - Need to be in charge – autonomous
4. **We find life within God's boundaries and death outside them**
 - What God says is good may not seem good to us



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- What God says is evil may not seem evil to us
- Our choices may show we think we are smarter than God

Discussion Questions:

What does Genesis 2:25 say about Adam and Eve? Contrast that with Genesis 3:7. What drastically changed?

Do you recognize ways you are autonomous (think your way is best)? Explain.

How have you corrupted the inviting capacity?

What are some ways middle school girls corrupt the nurturing capacity? (No names or specifics)

Has God revealed to you ways you have corrupted the partnering capacity?

Do you feel loved and protected through boundaries or confined by them? Why?

What is something Satan promised but could not deliver?

As a child of God, are we shielded from suffering?

What fears do you have, and how do those fears cause you to make Eve-like choices?