

SERMON NOTES:

Series: Hide & Seek | Part 1: Nowhere to Run

Genesis 3:1-10 (NLT)

¹ The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?”

² “Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. ³ “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”

⁴ “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵ “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”

⁶ The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. ⁷ At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

⁸ When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. ⁹ Then the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰ He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.”

Genesis 2:15-17 (NLT)

¹⁵ The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. ¹⁶ But the Lord God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— ¹⁷ except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”

“Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay. —”

Sin leads to shame. Unaddressed shame leads to hiding our sin.

Sin never affects just us alone. It has a ripple effect impacting others.

2 Corinthians 7:10 (NLT)

¹⁰ For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There’s no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.

Whenever sin wins the day, it is our connection to God that loses.

Genesis 3:15 (NLT)

¹⁵ And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring.

He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:20-21 (NLT)

²⁰Then the man—Adam—named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live. ²¹And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

Even when we sin, God loves us.

If and when we sin, run to God and not from God.

Hide yourself in Him – not from Him.

1 John 1:8-10; 2:1-2 (NLT)

⁸If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. ⁹But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

¹ My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. ² He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

Psalm 86:5 (NLT)

⁵ O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive,
so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help.