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“How is it that our world can be filled with such beauty and such order and such good, and yet at the same time filled with such heartache and such pain?”

How do you feel about the world?

Do you think the world is getting better or worse?



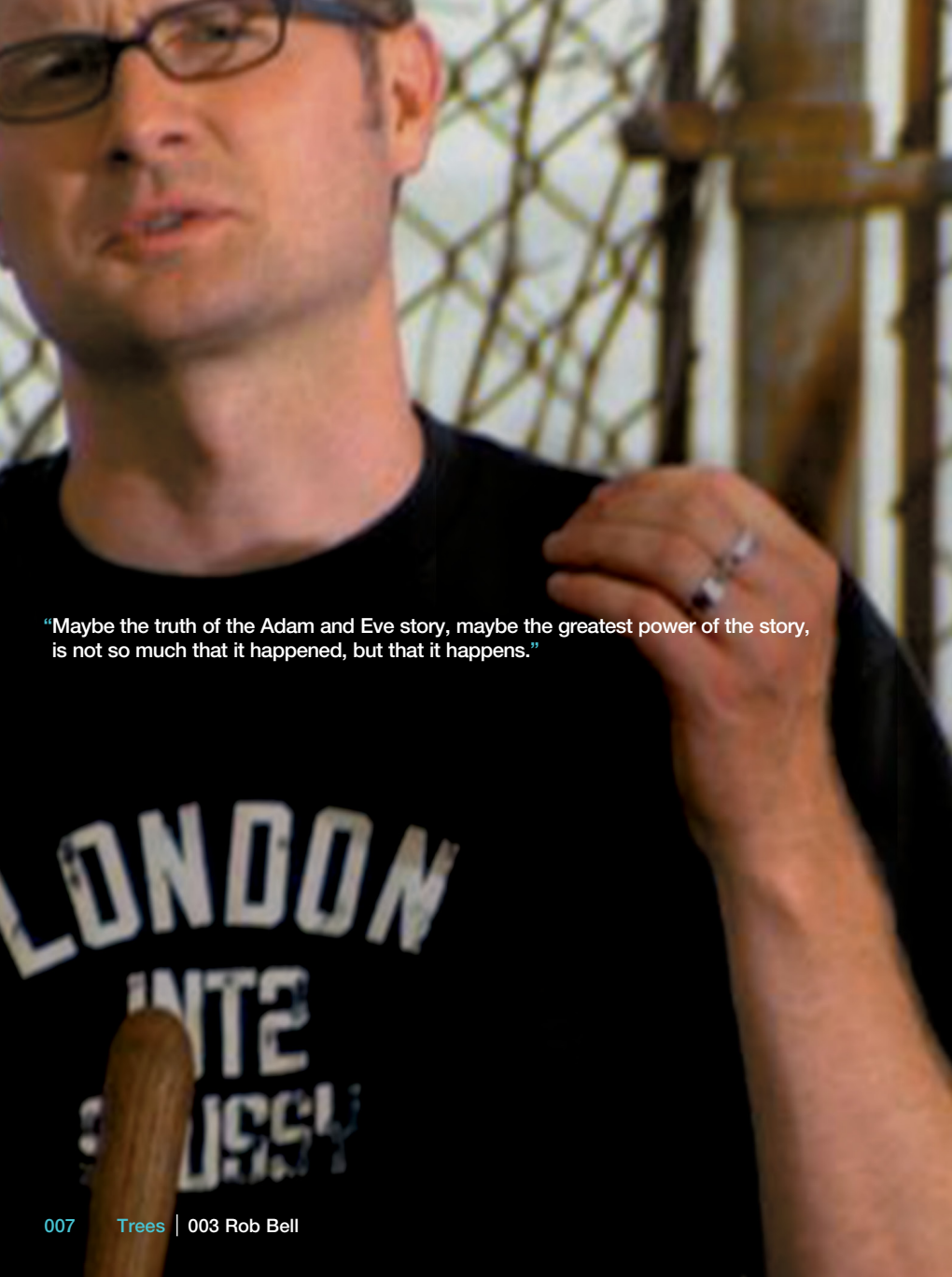
“God says, ‘You can live how you want, or you can live how I created you to live.’  
It’s almost as if God says, ‘It’s your choice.’ It’s still our choice.”

What does it mean to live how God created you to live?

If we believe God’s way of life is the best way to live, why is it so hard for us to do it?

In the middle of the garden were the tree of life  
and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:9 (NIV)



“Maybe the truth of the Adam and Eve story, maybe the greatest power of the story, is not so much that it happened, but that it happens.”

Do you believe that the Bible’s story of creation is not just something that happened, but actually something that’s still happening?

Are we faced with the same choices as Adam and Eve?





"We're told that we'll actively participate with God in taking care of the world that we find ourselves in. It says there'll be peace with each other, but that there'll be peace and harmony with God, and in the middle of it all will be a tree."

How can we help God in taking care of the world?

Are you helping out?



The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

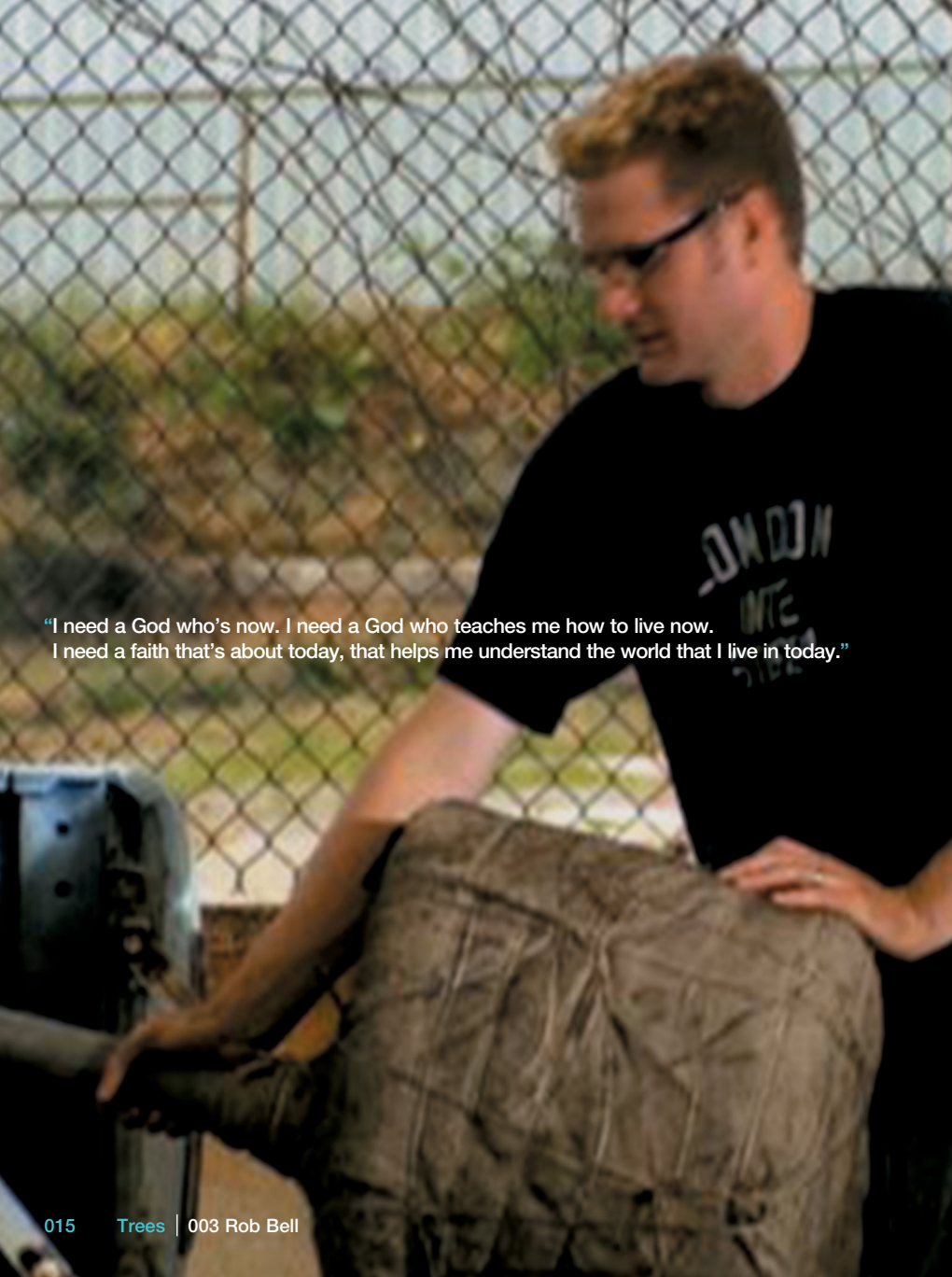
Genesis 2:15 (NKJV)



"There's this chunk of reality, and then there's like another chunk out there somewhere after this place. So what happens is we end up falling into this belief that, somehow, we'll just start over."

Do you think what we do today matters for eternity?

Are the choices you're making now shaping you into the kind of person you'll be forever?



“I need a God who’s now. I need a God who teaches me how to live now.  
I need a faith that’s about today, that helps me understand the world that I live in today.”

Does your faith help you understand the world we live in?  
Does it make your life easier or more difficult on a day-to-day basis?

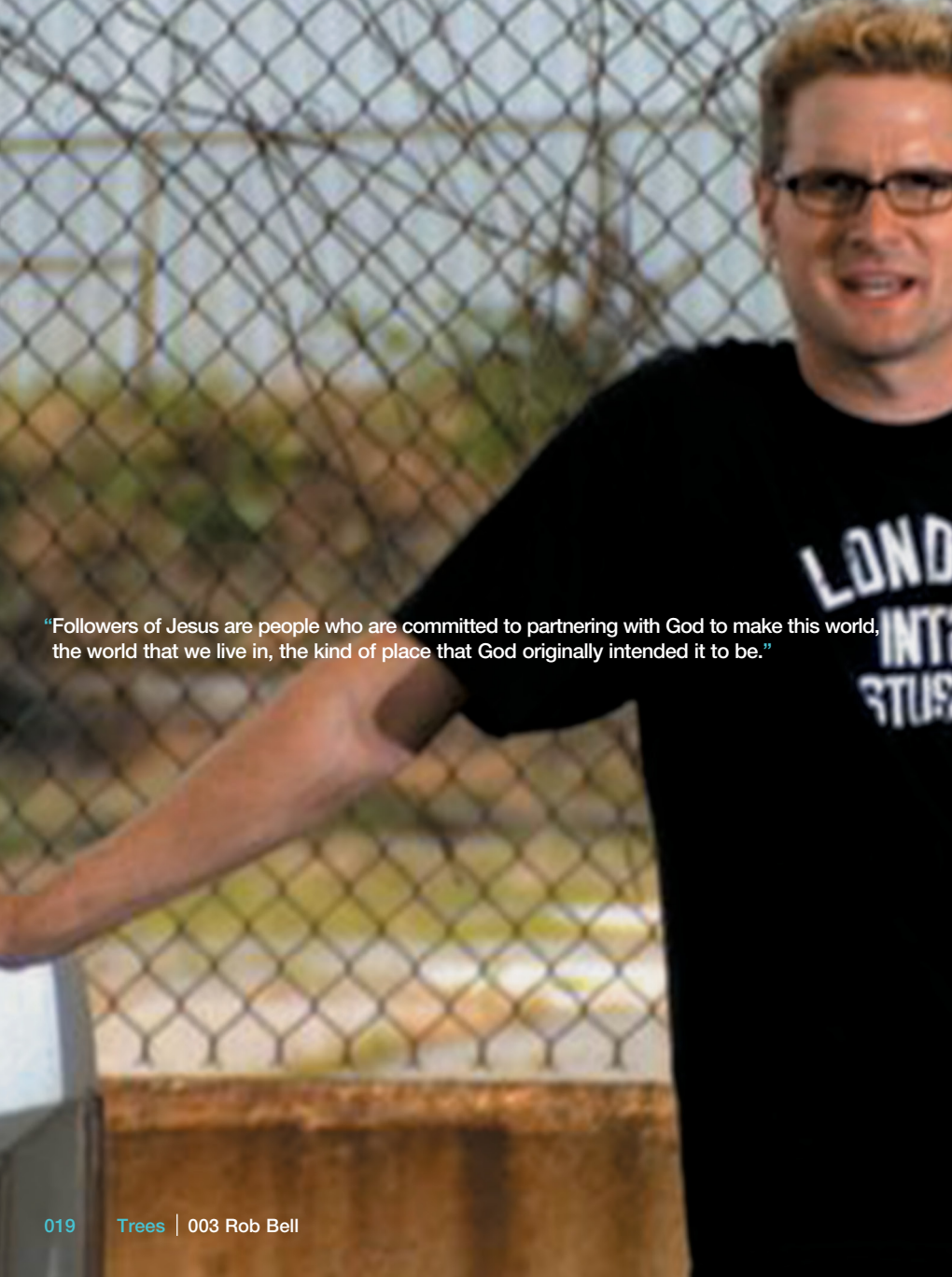




"We live between the trees, in a world drenched in God. And some people seriously ask, you know, 'Where is God?' Maybe a better question would be, 'Where isn't God?' I mean, his fingerprints are all over our world. Or maybe it's his world and they're our fingerprints."

What are some places in the world where you see God?

Are you leaving some of your own fingerprints on the world? What are they?



“Followers of Jesus are people who are committed to partnering with God to make this world, the world that we live in, the kind of place that God originally intended it to be.”

What does it mean to be partnering with God in making this world the kind of place he intended it to be?

Are you partnering with God?

On both sides of the river was the tree of life bearing 12 kinds of fruit,  
producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations.

Revelation 22:2 (HCSB)





“May you trust Jesus, when he says that death has been taken care of,  
and that you can live forever with God, that you’re never, ever, ever going to stop living.  
May you believe that death has been taken care of, and you can be a partner  
with God in redeeming and restoring this fallen, broken, hurting world.  
That you can literally be a partner with God in making this the kind  
of place that God originally intended it to be.  
May you be the kind of person who, when you live this way,  
the very trees of Paradise are being planted.”

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