



QUOTE from “Do You Believe?” by Paul David Tripp

“There are really only two groups of people when it comes to the human drama: those who put their hopes in the human systems of redemption and those who see that human hope requires a Redeemer.”

SCRIPTURE ON SIN

Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-7, 12-13; 6:5

Job 14:4

Psalms 51:1-5

Ecclesiastes 7:20

Jeremiah 13:23; 17:9

Ezekiel 14:1-5

Matthew 5:28; 15:19

Luke 6:43-45

2 Corinthians 11:3

Romans 1:28-32; 3:9, 23; 5:12-19; 6:20; 7:18-23; 8:7

1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 15:21-22, 45-49

Galatians 5:19-21

Ephesians 2:1-3

Colossians 1:21; 3:5

1 Thessalonians 1:10

Titus 1:15

Hebrews 2:14-15

James 1:14-15; 4:17

1 John 1:8

BIBLE STUDIES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Original Sin: Genesis 3:1-7, 12-13

Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden

- *What is the temptation that the serpent presents to Eve in this passage? What does Scripture say hooked Eve to disobey God?*
- *Describe the change that took place in Adam & Eve after the fall.*
- *Read 2 Corinthians 5:15. Based on this verse and Genesis 3, what attitude is at the root of sin?*

A Definition of Sin: Psalm 51

David, Bathsheba & Uriah

- *Iniquity*
- *Transgression*
- *Sin*

CASE STUDIES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

“Andrew was an accountant for a moderately sized family business. He loved his job, and his employers loved him. Andrew’s bosses entrusted the financial books to him and didn’t ask many questions. One week when Andrew was hit with unexpected bills and struggling to make it to the next paycheck, he thought of a way to get through. He decided to give himself a hundred dollars from petty cash, write his firm an IOU, and put it in his desk drawer. He knew that no one would know and that he would replace it when he got paid.... As months [went] on, again and again when Andrew needed or wanted something out of the ordinary, he’d take some money out of petty cash or write a “reimbursement check” to himself. Andrew had not only become a thief, he was also addicted. When his boss finally examined the books, he discovered that Andrew, his trusted employee, had embezzled thousands of dollars from him.”

- *What is Andrew believing about himself? How is his getting caught actually a blessing?*

You’ve been friends with Mallory and Greg for a few years. Recently, Mallory informed you that Greg has left her, and they are getting a divorce. Throughout your friendship, you’ve tried to share the gospel with this couple, and in light of such hardship, it seems like you might have an opportunity to give Mallory some hope. To your surprise, Mallory seems convinced that her current circumstances are good, and she is confident that her best days are ahead of her and her kids, so long as all parties involved pursue their own happiness.

- *Based on her response, what is Mallory’s overall perspective on sin? How might a Biblical viewpoint actually prove more encouraging for her and her family?*

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“Any consistently biblical theology of sin is a long, twisted, rocky and dark road that leads to Jesus. If sin is the ultimate cause, and it is, then hope is a person and his name is Jesus.... He alone is able to rescue us from us, guard us by his grace, empower us to do what is good, employ us as tools in his hands, and finally deliver us to a place where all things are new and where peace and righteousness reign forever and ever.”