



**ORIGINS:
IN THE
BEGINNING**

**GENESIS 3-4 AND
ROMANS 5**

Read

Romans 5:12-21

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men^[e] because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

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¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ask

In Genesis 4, Cain lets comparison and frustration build until it leads somewhere worse.

Where is comparison affecting your mindset right now, and how can you deal with it before it turns into something unhealthy?

In Genesis 3, the serpent doesn't immediately compel Eve to rebellion; he starts with doubt. Where are some experiences in your life or in the Word where you have doubts? What are practical ways you can work through those doubts?

Cain's issue wasn't just his action—it was what was building inside him—

What's something internal (attitude, jealousy, frustration) that you have to actively manage right now? How do you manage it?

In Genesis, even after failure, God continues to speak and engage; in Romans 5, redemption through Jesus is highlighted. What does this reveal about God's character, and how does that compare to how we usually respond when someone wrongs us? What helps you reconnect with God or reset after messing up instead of staying stuck?

If evil started with rebellion against God, what does that suggest is the solution—and do you think that solution is something we achieve, or something we receive? Why?

Gospel Sharing Tool

1) **Ask permission:** "Can I ask you a spiritual question?"

2) **Ask 2 questions:** "What happens when you die?" "If God asked, 'Why should I let you in?', what would you say?"

3) **Listen + Repeat back**

4) **Share Gospel in 4:** God / Us / Jesus / Response

5) **Invite:** "Where are you at with Jesus?"

6) **Follow up:** "Want to talk/read more this week?"

7) **Pray for and or with them:** "Can I pray with you?"





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