

# GENESIS

## THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S RELENTLESS PLAN

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### When Creation Fell Apart

#### Crafty Conversation (*Genesis 3:1-5*)

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

**Satan will always tempt you to question God's character and push you toward independence from God**

**Application: What snake are you talking to right now?**

#### Confusion (*Genesis 3:6-7*)

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

#### Corruption (*Genesis 3:8-13*)

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

**Corruption of Creation**

**Corruption of Spiritual Relationship**

**Corruption of Human Relationship**

## Consequences (“Because you have done this...”)

**For the snake:** “You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” – Genesis 3:14b-15

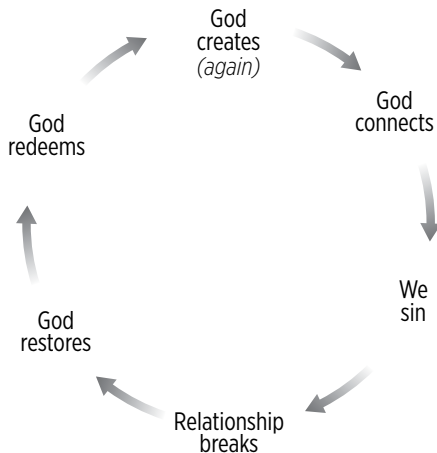
**For Eve:** “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” – Genesis 3:16

**For Adam:** “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken, for dust you are and to dust you will return.” – Genesis 3:17-19

## Covering and Compassion (Genesis 3:21)

The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

### **How is God covering you today?**



### **Small Group Questions**

- 1) Have you ever had an awkward conversation? What happened?
- 2) Satan will always tempt you to question God’s character and push you toward independence from God. How has Satan done that with you?
- 3) How have you experienced the corruption of creation this past week?
- 4) What consequences have you experienced from “talking to the snake”? How do you know when you are in the wrong spiritual conversation?
- 5) How has God covered you with compassion this past week?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?