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411: Week 2- Curse

This series will encourage you to do hopefully One of Two things...

- 1.) Be challenged to Read through the Bible this year
- 2.) Use this series as an Aerial Photograph to gain a big picture perspective of the Bible

We are not going to go verse by verse, chapter by chapter, or even book by book...but I want to introduce you to the Major Themes, Characters, and Mission of the Bible while it focuses us on Jesus Christ!

I want to INTRODUCE us to a new word each week that will be a Biblical theme by which the Gospel is hung, and the foundation of Christianity is built!

Last week the word was LIFE. Today the word is CURSE.

Big Question: If God made everything Good, why is the World as it is today?

If you're not feeling well and need to go to the doctor, you're usually looking for two things:

- 1.) An Accurate Diagnosis
- 2.) An Appropriate Prescription

I. Diagnosis

The CARRIER that infected Adam and Eve is described by various names, Lucifer, Satan, and the Devil, which means "adversary" or "one who opposes."

He is primarily the enemy of God, and therefore is out to destroy His creation!

II. The Enemy's Playbook

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'?"

A. Confusion/Doubt: Did God really say that?

B. Presumption: You will NOT surely die.

C. Ambition: For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

III. The Rules

None of us can enjoy LIFE if the rules are always changing!

You see, the hook of evil is once you get it, you can't ever get rid of it.

IV. The Judgment

The Gifts were now CURSED!

The Biblical Diagnosis: We are ALL Spiritually Sick.

The Biblical Prescription: HOPE

So look how this played out: We're not Cursed, God cursed the Serpent! He cursed Evil.

So the bad news is, we live in a Cursed, Evil world, and we are affected by it of our own doing!

But there is Good News, there is HOPE! Because it was deflected, we are Redeemable!

On the very day that the man and woman sinned against God, the Father was making available to them His Grace and Mercy! We are no longer Sinners, we're children of God!