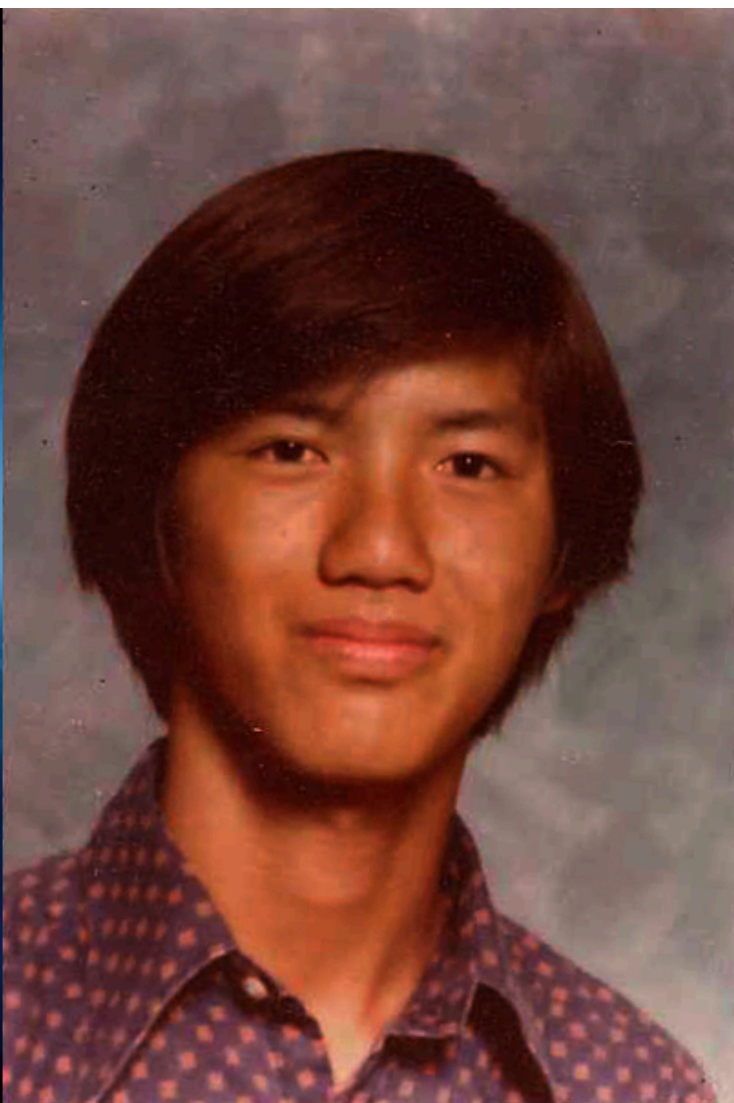


UNIVERSAL HISTORY

UNDERSTANDING OUR WORLD ACCORDING TO GENESIS 1-11

W H E R E A R E Y O U ?

Genesis 2 - 3





God's Design

"very good"



Brokenness

"not so much"

Why is the world the world the way it is ??

Is there anything that can be done?!?



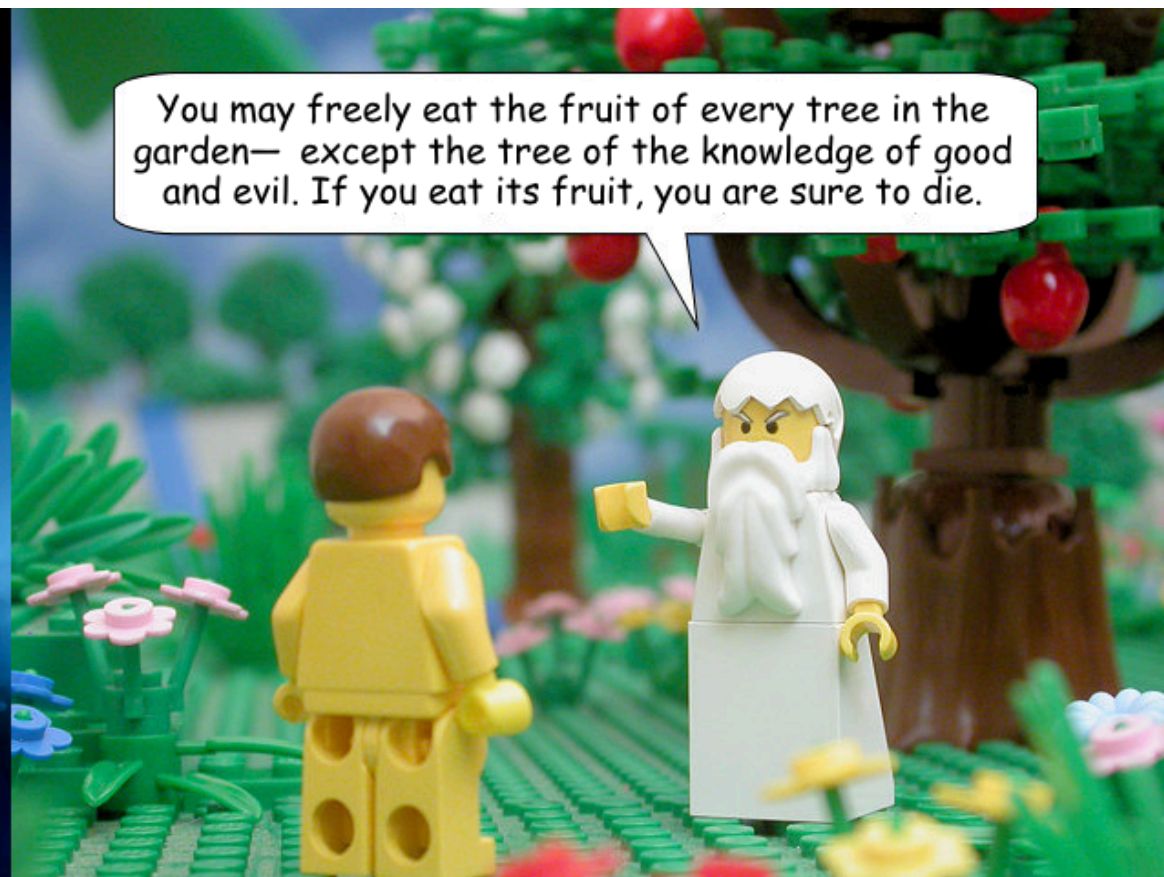
Genesis 2 ⁴ This is the account of the creation of the heavens and the earth.



Genesis 2 ⁸Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made.
⁹ The Lord God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. *NLT*



Genesis 2 ¹⁵ The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.



Genesis 2 ¹⁶ But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— ¹⁷ except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."



Genesis 2 ¹⁹ So the Lord God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky.



He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one.²⁰ He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals.



Genesis 2 ²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening.

NLT



Genesis 2 ²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib



and he brought her to the man, ²³ "At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'"



Genesis 2 ²⁴ This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. ²⁵ Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

YOU AND I WERE CREATED

A Purity of
Passion

to be ourselves and be able to live out life with a whole heart,
and without shame, guilt or fear

Purity with
People

to be with others whom we can share our life and purpose with,
without strife and in full trust.

Purity of
Purpose

to change the world and make it better

THE WORLD WAS CREATED WITH LAWS TO HELP US LIVE LIFE

Physical
Laws

govern the physical world - help
the world to work right

We don't get a choice about these.
But understanding them helps us.

Moral
Laws

govern the moral world - help
people to live right

We do get to choose whether we
want to obey moral laws.

THE CONSEQUENCE OF OUR CHOICES CREATE TRAJECTORIES

When God says "if you eat, you die", he's not punishing them out of anger or vengeance

He's simply describing the long-term consequence of the choices that this will lead to

The piling up of our choices create trajectories of life or death for us

THE CONSEQUENCE OF OUR CHOICES CREATE TRAJECTORIES

Proverbs 16.25 - There is a way that appears to be right (to a person), but in the end it leads to death.

Galatians 6 ⁷ Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. ⁸ Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.



Genesis 3 ¹ The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"



We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'

Genesis 3 ²“Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied.³“It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”

NLT



You won't die!" God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil

Genesis 3⁴ "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵ "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

THE ANATOMY OF TEMPTATION

God only gave Adam and Eve one law because He wanted to see what they'd do

THE ANATOMY OF TEMPTATION

"The moral law is meant to restrict you"

"There's actually something way better out there"

"God doesn't have your best interests at heart"

"Go for it!"



Genesis 3 ⁶The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her.



Genesis 3⁶ So she took some of the fruit and ate it.



Genesis 3⁶ Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.



uh oh



Genesis 3 ⁷ At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness.



Genesis 3 ⁷ So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.



Genesis 3⁸ When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. ⁹ Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

A blue-tinted image of a cloudy sky, possibly a sunset or sunrise, with the text "where are you?" overlaid in white. The clouds are dense and textured, and the overall color palette is a range of blues from light to dark. The text is centered horizontally and vertically.

where are you?



Genesis 3 ¹⁰ He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked."

THE CONSEQUENCES + TRAJECTORY OF SIN

A Purity of
Passion

#1 This is replaced by shame



Purity with
People

Purity of
Purpose

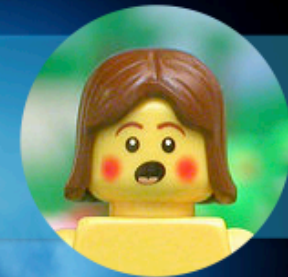


Genesis 3 ¹¹ "Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?"

THE CONSEQUENCES + TRAJECTORY OF SIN

A Purity of
Passion

#1 This is replaced by shame
#2 This is replaced by hiding from people and fear



Purity with
People

Purity of
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Genesis 3¹² The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."

THE CONSEQUENCES + TRAJECTORY OF SIN

A Purity of
Passion

is replaced by shame - #1
is replaced by hiding from people and fear - #2



Purity with
People

is replaced by blame which creates separation - #3



Purity of
Purpose



Genesis 3 ¹³ Then the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?"



Genesis 3 "The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."



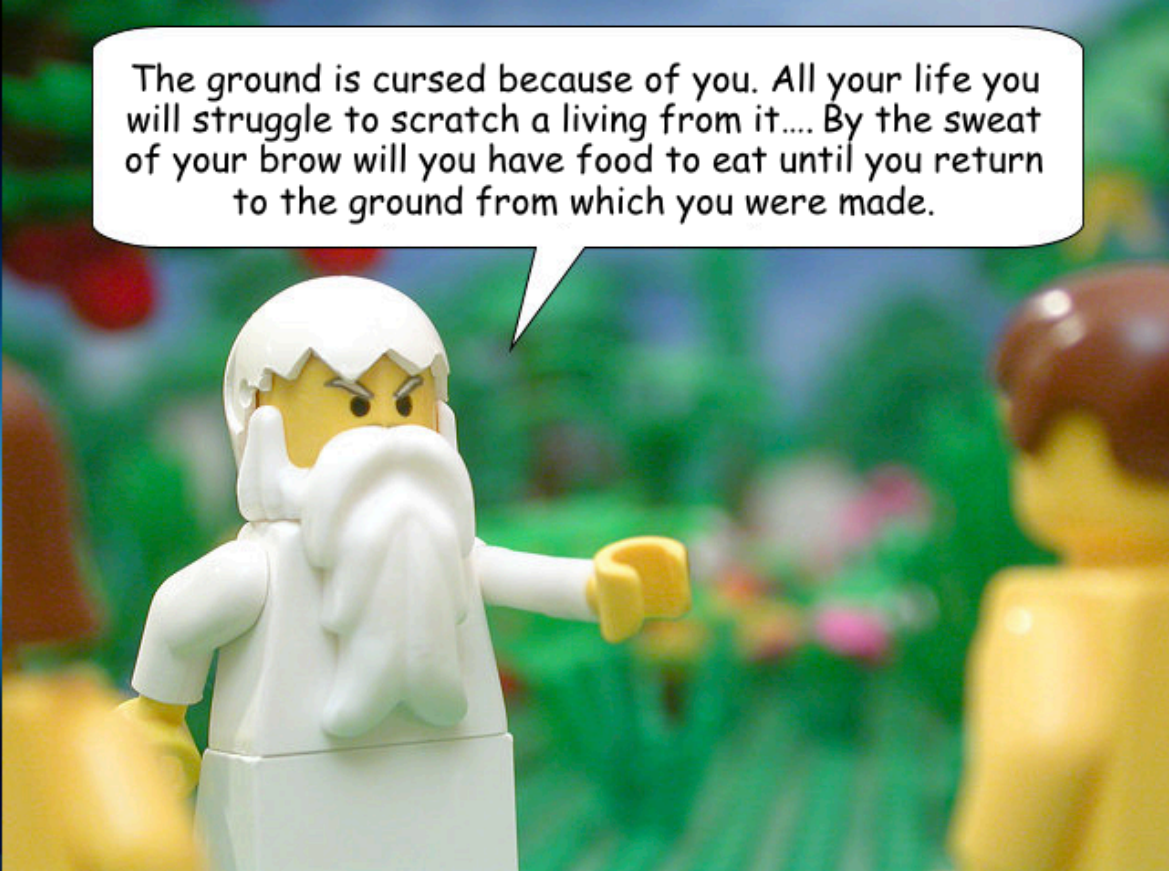
Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. ... I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring.

Genesis 3 ¹⁴ Then the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. ¹⁵ And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head and you will strike his heel."

NLT



Genesis 3¹⁶ Then he said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you."

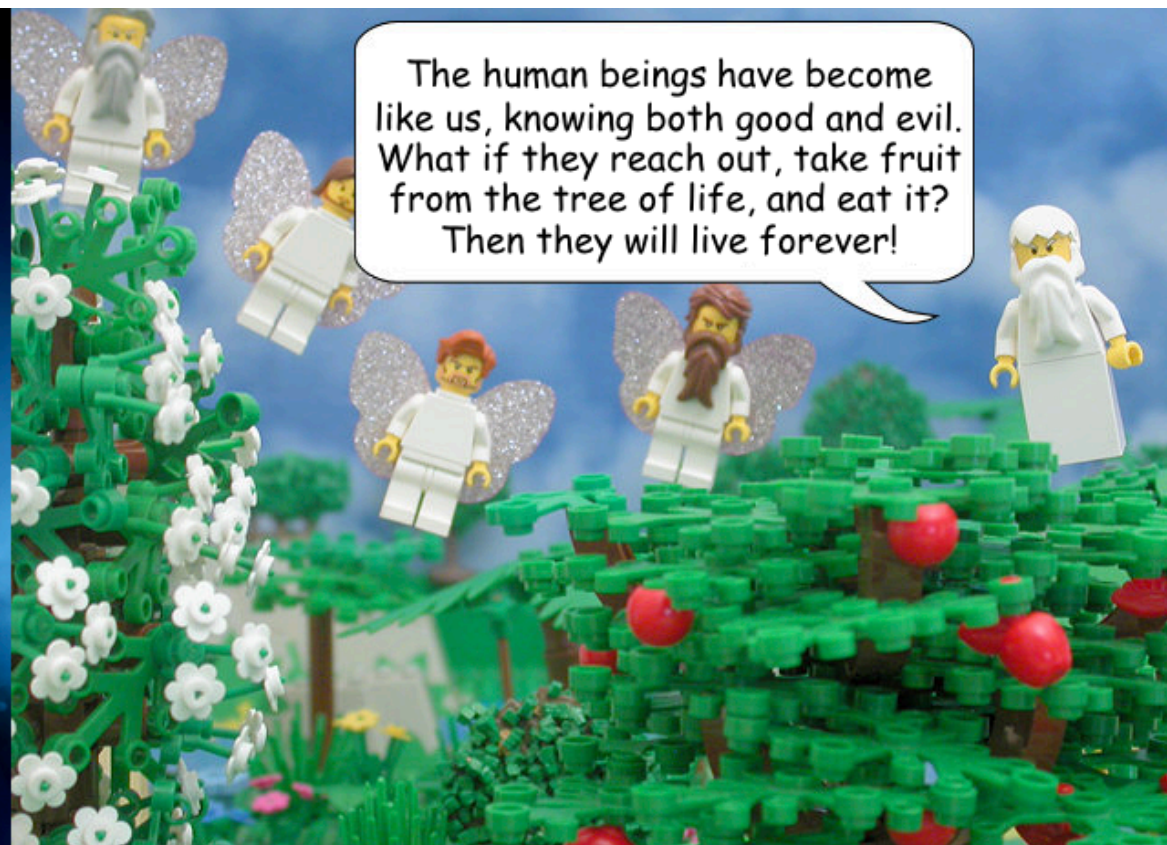


The ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.... By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made.

Genesis 3 ¹⁷ And to the man he said, "Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. ¹⁸ It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains ¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return." *NLT*



Genesis 3 ²¹ And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.



The human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!

Genesis 3 ²² Then the Lord God said, "Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!" ²³ So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made.



Genesis 3²⁴ After sending them out, the Lord God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

THE CONSEQUENCES + TRAJECTORY OF SIN

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Passion

is replaced by shame - #1
is replaced by hiding from people and fear - #2



Purity with
People

is replaced by blame which creates separation - #3



Purity of
Purpose

is replaced by frustration and difficulty



A Purity of
Passion

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Sin



shame

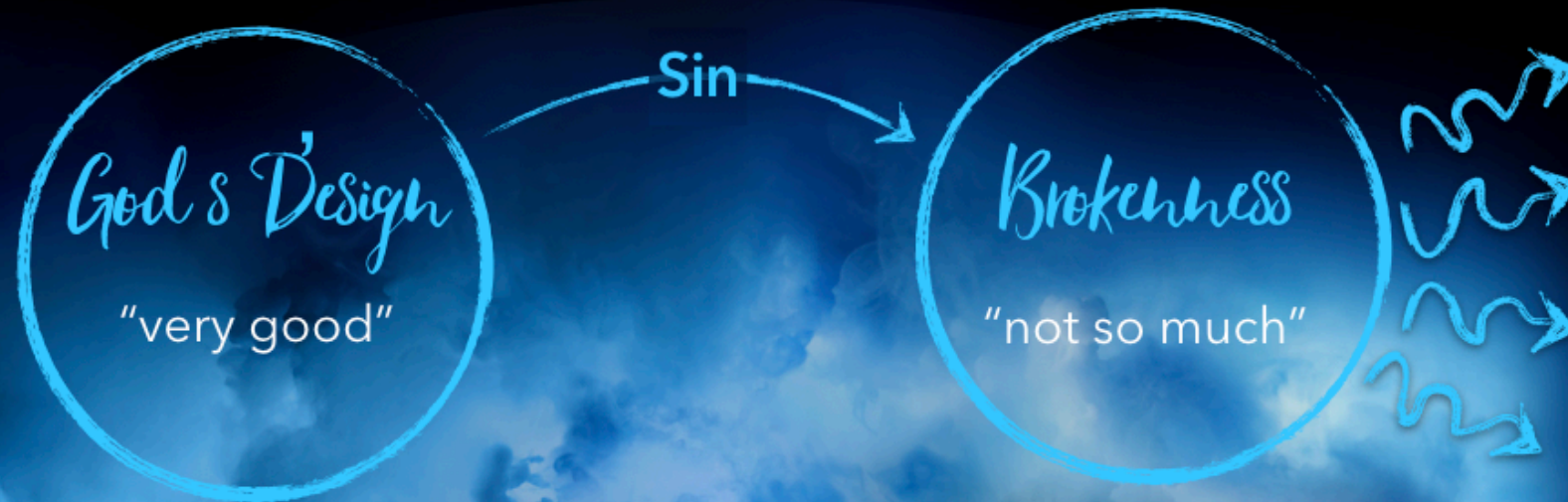
fear

hiding from others

separation

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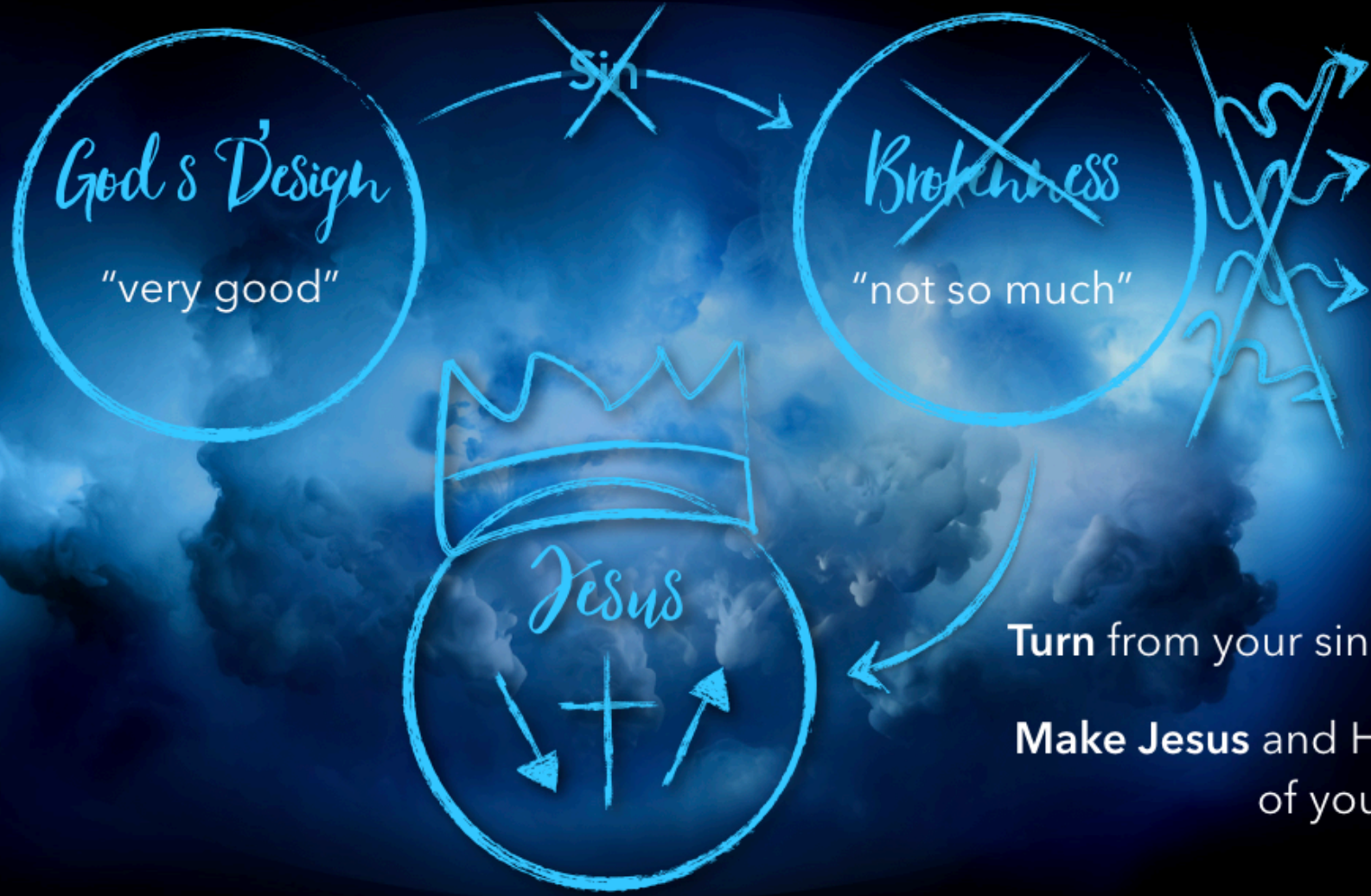
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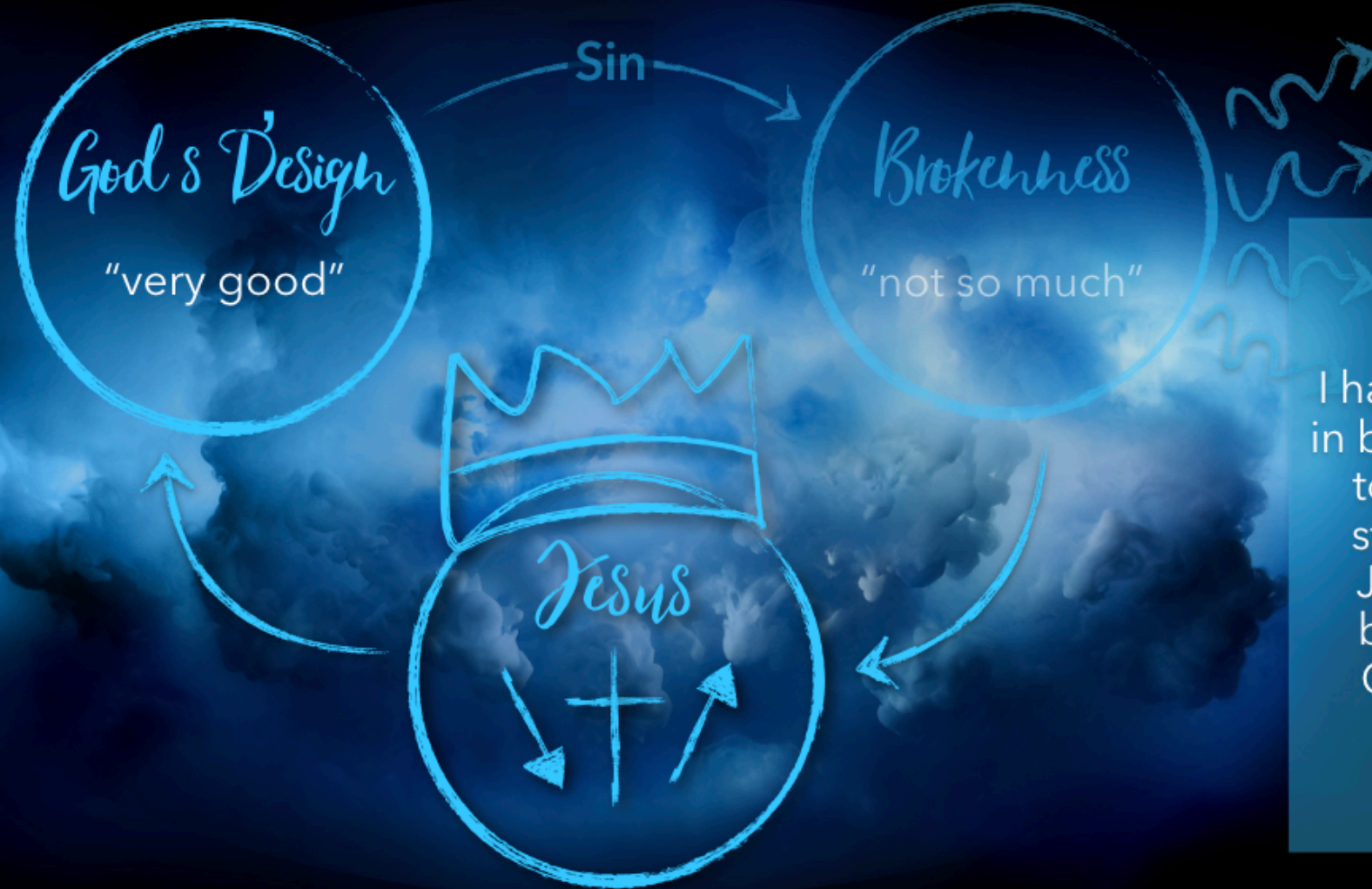
Jesus

A hand-drawn cross with two arrows pointing outwards from its base, one to the left and one to the right.



Turn from your sin and brokenness
Make **Jesus** and His ways the focus
of your life

I know Jesus but have purposefully stepped away from God's design by engaging in things I shouldn't be. I am living in a rut of brokenness and I want to turn back to Jesus.



I have been living in brokenness and today, want to start a life with Jesus that will bring me into God's design