

- ***He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life. Genesis 3:24***
- ***For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16***
- *Some commentators see this approach as a questioning of God's Word— "Has God said?" Others point more to a questioning of God's goodness— "You don't mean to tell me that God has deprived you, do you?"*
- **It has always been the goal of the enemy for us to seek more knowledge and forfeit more life.**
- There's always something hanging on the tree that promises immediate pleasure, satisfaction...
- The serpent was offering freedom and fulfillment, delight and discovery, advancement and **autonomy**.
 - God offered these too, except the autonomy.
- You can't offer a bird flight without air, or a fish swim without water.
- Any other environment makes them less than what they were created to be.

- The devil is always trying to take you out of the place where God created you to thrive.
 - Life would become a struggle for survival, a battle against a world strangely reluctant to yield its benefits.
- The awful irony of sins' consequences is that even the most blessed events are often tainted with the odor of death.
- **Sin always gives you what you want. And then you realize you don't want it anymore.**
- **They start stitching together, something that is dying like them... They clothed themselves in death.**
- ☑ **God cursed the snake not the devil.**
 - Stop letting the devil set you up and walk away.
 - **It's always been the plan of the devil to walk away and let you deal with the curse.**
 - But despite your worst day Jesus has never walked away. *What can separate you....*
- ☑ **God made the devil a promise!**
 - Women don't have seed. Only one woman had seed that wasn't from an earthly man.

- The devil can't mess anything up that God didn't already have a plan for.
- So God sacrificed something and covered them. They didn't put it together. They couldn't. **GOD DID IT!!**
- ***So man was banished from the garden “lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.” Genesis 3:22***
- God shut off the way so man couldn't eat in his fallen state. God had to provide a way for man to be forgiven, MADE NEW, and then he could enjoy eternal life.
- ***Seed of Abraham, Lineage of Rehab, Son of David...***
- If I can't get Him to sin, I'll just kill Him.
- **Judas**- Judas Iscariot is the most tragic figure in history. Not for his betrayal, but that he would have been forgiven if he would have asked.
- ***7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 1 Corinthians 2:7-8***

- The plan of the devil was to push us further and further away. What he didn't realize is what he thought he was pushing us from, he was actually pushing us toward!
- ☑ **There's still a tree of good and evil but now the focus is the Tree of Life.**
- *At the Cross, Jesus is mocked to the point of being accused of saving others but not being able to save himself. Hidden in that accusation and mockery is a sweet gem of glorious truth. In order to save us, He refuses to save Himself.*
- ☑ **And now we choose between 2 trees.**
- **My message today: Your mistake, your failure, your sin has pushed you here. Pushed you to make a choice. It's pushed you to the cross.**
- The tree of life isn't out of reach. It's closer than it's ever been!
- **When Jesus said IT IS FINISHED what He was saying is- THE WAY IS OPEN AGAIN!!!**