

•Matthew 16:26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

•Exchange = PRICE

•*What would you give in EXCHANGE for Paradise?*

•*Rhetorical question- A rhetorical question is a figure of speech in the form of a question that is asked in order to make a point, rather than to elicit an answer.*

•Christ is asking a Rhetorical Question.

•What's interesting is the first one God asked.

• *Sound of LOVE Vid*

•It all Started in a Garden...

•The Right Questions

•*Here in lies the brilliance of Satan's strategy.*

•When he wants to lead us away from God's best and God's commands he doesn't do it in obvious ways.

•The Devil is not a dealer in the obvious deceptions.

•**Because, if we understood what is really available to us, when we walk in harmony and unity, no snake would be able to lead us away from life with God.**

•So, he poses a question.

The Art of Questioning

 Good questions are open ended...

•The devil is the master question asker.

•The only one better? God.

•*Did God really say...?*

•**Everything in your life that is dysfunctional is the result of how you answer this question.**

•The key to winning the battle for your thoughts, peace, joy, you have to understand how the enemy is trying to lead you from it.

•***How could they mess up something that good?***

•***I MEAN IF YOU WERE GIVEN THE SAME CHOICE YOU WOULDN'T DO WHAT THEY DID... WOULD YOU?***

Applied Value

•*The value of a thing is determined by what a person is willing to pay for it.*

•With your time, focus, attention

•They have exchanged their values for better things or something that doesn't matter.

•**Exchanged a relationship with God that would result in eternal life and exchanged it for certain death.**

•***A good deal is nothing but a state of mind.***

•The more somebody wants something the more it's worth.

•***Buyer's Remorse- is the sense of regret after having made a purchase. It is frequently associated with the purchase of an expensive item such as a car or***

house. It may stem from fear of making the wrong choice, guilt over extravagance, or a suspicion of having been overly influenced by the seller.

- **It was in a garden Adam chose satan over God, death not life... Their way not God's way.**

•All over the perceived fortune contained within a fruit!

•The snake, the woman, and the man are not depicted as individuals involved in a personal crisis; rather they are representatives. We are left with the impression that this is not their story so much as it is our story, the story of mankind.

“Where are You?”

•Passionately God asks...

•**Don't miss the real question**

•Omnipotent, Omnipresent, omniscient...

•**Adam-Do you know where you are?**

•**What is your position or placement?**

•**You were a Son and now you are a fugitive!**

•You have allowed something to come between us...

• **What was worth PARADISE?**

•*Do you remember where you were and now realize where you are?*

•Sin- will take you further than you want to go...

•**Where are you?** Do you know that you stand on the edge of eternity...

The Cross

• **Isaiah 53:1** Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? **2** For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. **3** He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. **4** Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. **5** But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

•**A Great Exchange**

•**John 3:16**

•**Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.