

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Message:	The Problem is Us
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Read Genesis 3:1-13 (NLT)

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?"

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.'"

⁴ "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."

⁶ The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. ⁷ At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt

shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

⁸ 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?"

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

¹² The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."
¹³ Then the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?"
"The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's

why I ate it."

Why do you think Eve disobeyed God's command?

Why would an all-knowing God ask Adam where he was?

Adam and Eve felt shame and then they tried to hide from God. Have you ever tried to hide from God out of shame?

What do we learn about humanity from this story? What do we learn about God?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version NLT – New Living Translation



MESSAGE NOTES



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¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2 (NIV)

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27 (NLT)

God gave us the ability to make <u>choices</u> and the ability to <u>choose</u> without His <u>intervention</u>. ⁶ The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. ⁷ At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. Genesis 3:6-7 (NLT)

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. Romans 5:12 (NLT)

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 3:23 (NLT)

If God is our <u>standard</u>, we all fall short.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17 (NIV)