

## THE BATTLE FOR RELATIONSHIP

What We Lost In The Garden.

Genesis 1-3

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Life is about relationships.

The Bible is a valid historical record of God speaking through a number of prophets and authors.

### WHAT WE GOT IN THE GARDEN

#### LIFE

*The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.* Genesis 2:7 NIV

#### IDENTITY

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them....God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day.*

Genesis 1:27, 31 NIV

#### HEART:A QUICK LOOK AT THE TRINITY

*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."*

Genesis 1:26; 2:18 NIV

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 28:19

The name of God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God.

*Now, although Adam and his wife were both naked, neither of them felt any shame.* Genesis 2:25 NLT

No shame = innocence. No sin.

### WE LOST OUR INNOCENCE

*Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.* Genesis 3:7 NIV

We choose death - separation from God.

Results:

Eyes opened

Be like God

Know good and evil

### WE ARE STILL DESIGNED FOR RELATIONSHIP

With a twist....

*To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."*

Genesis 3:16 NIV

*And to Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate the fruit I told you not to eat, I have placed a curse on the ground. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.*

Genesis 3:17 NLT

### The garden is still the goal and the desire of our hearts.

We must first pursue our relationship with God before we can repair any of our other relationships.

It all starts with your relationship with God.