

HOW TO...

Regain What Was Lost

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As long as I have my hands on whatever I find **security** in, it means that I'm not holding onto **God** for my source of power and security. The thing that I'm holding onto is a substitute for God.

I. Let's go back to God's original _____.

Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth.

A. Everything starts out with God as the _____.

Genesis 1, 6, 11, 21, 25, 27 - And God said, "Let there be light," ...day...⁶ And God said, "Let there be ...waters ...sky. land...¹¹ Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit...²¹ birds...and every living and moving thing with which the water...²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. ...²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

B. There is an answer for **all** of our needs: _____.

God's role is _____

Genesis 2:7 - ...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 1:11 - Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds."

Genesis 2:22 - Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

God gave us **breath** to live by, the **garden** to eat from, and **people** to live with.

II. So what _____ ?

Genesis 3:4-5 - "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, **and you will be like God**, knowing good and evil."

A. Adam and Eve believe the lie that life would be better and they would be more like God. In fact, they became _____ like God.

Ephesians 2:1 - As for you, you were **dead** in your transgressions and **sin**...

Dead means: Separated from life.

Sin means: To miss the mark.

The Desire:	The Result:
We are the source	We depend on ourselves
We are the creator	We exist unto ourselves
We have control of the world	We try to control the world and each other, losing control of ourselves.

III. Regaining what was _____.

2 Corinthians 5:18 - All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Isaiah 53:5 - But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Big Idea: Solving life's problems and growing spiritually are one and the same.

A. _____ return back to God being my source.

Matthew 6:33 - But seek **first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and **all** these things will be given to you as well.

B. I return God's _____ back to Him.

To reverse the fall means to live under submission to God.

Proverbs 3:1-7- My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, ² for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. ³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. ⁵ **Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;** ⁶ in **all your ways acknowledge him,** and **he will make your paths straight.** ⁷ **Do not be wise in your own eyes;** fear the Lord and shun evil.