



The Story of God God Rejected

Opening Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for the account of how we broke our union with you. Thank you that you love us unconditionally and are always working for our good. We pray that you will guide our thoughts and our discussions today. Help us to orient our lives around you and your will. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Ice Breaker: Share of a time in your life that you felt embarrassed. Why do you think we get embarrassed?

1. Read Genesis 3:1-5.

Discuss the tactics Satan used to plant seeds in Eve's mind- seeds of doubt, discontent, and a distortion of the truth? Describe scenarios in which he is still doing this today.

2. Read Genesis 3:6.

Notice that this is the first account of a person thinking apart from God; self-conscious. Share with each other how we as humans experience these desires. (The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life (1 John 2:16)).

3. Read Genesis 3:7-19.

Discuss the consequences of sin and how they are a result of our broken union with God (pain in raising kids and interacting as couples, toil in trying to support our families, and death).

4. Read Genesis 3:20-24.

Notice how God protects us from the 'tree of life' to prevent us from staying in our fallen state forever. How can we return back to eternal life? (see John 14:6).

Application

Pray: Ask God to make us aware of times when we don't follow his ways. Ask God for help to live in union with Him each day.

Challenge: Memorize Genesis 1:6

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food...she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”

Message Slides

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Genesis 3:6 (Memory Verse)

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I. Seeds Planted (Genesis 3:1-5)

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

A. Doubt- “Did God actually say...” (*Maybe God is not the full extent of truth!*)

B. Discontent- “You shall not eat...” (*Maybe God is not all good!*)

I. Seeds Planted (Genesis 3:1-5)

⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 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. Doubt

B. Discontent

C. Distortion- “...your eyes will be opened...” (*Maybe there’s something better!*)

II. Desire Aroused (Genesis 3:6a)

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,

James 1:14-15

“But each person is tempted when they are lured and enticed by their own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.”

III. Sin is Born (Genesis 3:6b)

...she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

IV. Union is Broken (Genesis 3:7-24)

⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

A. Self-conscious (v. 7-8; 10)

B. Love-conscious (v. 9)

C. Need-conscious (v. 14-19)

1. The Devil

¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

2. The Woman

¹⁶ To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be towards your husband, but he shall rule over you."

Better than Eden

"The sin that she committed had pervasively changed her and her husband. She was made to come alongside him to help in the mission God gave them, but now his leadership in the mission would be a constant rub." pg. 82

1 Cor. 11:3

"But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God."

John 17:20-21- Union

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

3. The Man

¹⁷ And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

1 Cor. 15:55-56

“Death is swallowed up in victory....The sting of death is sin...but thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

D. Protection from Ourselves (v. 20-24)

²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

²² Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—”²³ therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ 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.

John 14:6

“I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.”