

Have You Heard the News | I've Got the Power (Genesis 3.1-21)

1. In what ways do you find yourself identifying with Adam and Eve in this narrative?
 - a. In what ways are you tempted to see God as being restrictive, keeping you from something that seems good?
 - b. In what ways are you tempted to doubt the reality of the consequences that God warns us about when he prohibits certain actions?
 - c. In what ways are you tempted to try and achieve and gain the things that God has promised on your own terms?

2. Eve relies on what she sees as good as opposed to what God has said is good. This is a temptation that we all face, to redefine what is good based on our own preferences, desires, or perspective.
 - a. Where are you fighting this temptation right now?
 - b. How have you learned to deal with this kind of temptation? How have you learned to

3. In the midst of the curses, God provides hope in the promise of a son of Eve who would crush the serpent's head. What are some of the clearest examples of how you have seen the gospel work to undo the curses of relational brokenness, suffering, and animosity that sin causes in your own life?

4. We find that when God covers Adam and Eve's nakedness with animal skins (the carcasses of *slain* animals), we see a foreshadowing of how God will cover our guilt and shame through the sacrificial work of Jesus.
 - a. How has shame robbed you of believing in God's power to cover your sin?
 - b. How do we practically live into the truth that Jesus has covered our shame? In other words, when you begin to feel shame what should believers in Jesus do?

5. The deception of misplaced confidence is a real struggle.
 - a. Where are you tempted to put your confidence?
 - b. How do you know when you are putting your confidence in something other than Jesus?
 - c. What have been the consequences in your own life of putting your confidence in something other than Jesus?
 - d. How is God teaching you to trust only in Christ during this season?