

**GROWTH GROUP CURRICULUM**  
FEBRUARY 18, 2024  
**“EDEN TO EXILE & BACK AGAIN”**  
...AN EASTER STORY  
**GENESIS 3:1-7**

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**QUICK REVIEW**

1. Was there anything from this past Sunday's message that challenged or confused you?
  
  
  
  
  
  2. Can you think of one thing from Sunday's sermon that you are likely to remember two weeks from now?
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**MY STORY**

1. On Sunday we learned that Satan's favorite strategy is to try and convince us that God is holding out on us and therefore can't be trusted. Most of us have at least one area of our own lives where we struggle with thinking God is not looking out for our good. Circle any of the areas below (or add your own) where you find it more difficult than others to trust that God is good.  
  
Singleness   Marriage   School   Future   Work/Job   Friends   Children  
  
Forgiveness   Health   Finances   Safety   Other
  2. Temptation is something we all have to deal with. Sometimes we're more successful than other times at avoiding or resisting it. Can you think of any safeguards or strategies you have seen others use or you yourself have in place to resist and/or avoid temptation? If so, explain.
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**DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Read Genesis 2:16-17. What explanation does God give Adam and Eve for this prohibition?
  - a. Why is this a good test?
  
  
  
  
  - b. How would this test provide “knowledge of good and evil” regardless of the human response? (See 3:5, 22.)
2. Read Genesis 3:1-3. This is the first approach or strategy of temptation. Neither the Serpent nor the woman restates God's command properly.

a. What does this teach us about the Serpent's first strategy?

3. Read Genesis 3:4-5. What is the Serpent's second strategy? How does he challenge God's motives?

a. What do we learn here about the essence of sin?

4. Read Genesis 3:6. How do (a) the emotions, (b) the mind, and (c) the will play a role in the committing of sin?

a. Why is it important to see that every aspect of our nature is polluted by sin?

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#### **TAKING IT HOME**

**Reflect** - What did you learn about sin that most impressed you? How can it make a practical difference in the way you live?