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Old Testament Stories For Today

Punchline

**Whether it caused a bruise, scrape, or
break, your fall is never too much for Jesus
to take**



Set Up

- ❑ **Genesis 1 - God wants man to be fruitful and multiply**
- ❑ **Humans cannot eat from one tree**
- ❑ **God creates woman**



Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”



Genesis 3: 1 NIV

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”



Genesis 3: 2-3 NIV

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



Genesis 3: 4-5 NIV

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Genesis 3: 6 NIV



**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

Temptation Enters

- ❑ **Serpent**
 - ❑ **Godly created but rebellious**
 - ❑ **“God is keeping good FROM you”**
 - ❑ **Jealousy and envy are in play**



Temptation Enters

- ❑ Eve eats the apple
- ❑ Eyes were opened...
- ❑ Wanted wisdom but found vanity and shame



Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.



Genesis 3: 8 NIV

But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

Genesis 3:9-11 NIV



The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate

Genesis 3:12-13 NIV



**So the Lord God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,” Cursed are
you above all livestock and all wild animals!**



Genesis 3:14 NIV

You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:15 NIV



God's Response to Sin

- ❑ Trees meant to sustain are being used to hide guilt and shame
- ❑ God knows what happened



God's Response to Sin

- ❑ God is mad at the serpent
- ❑ Serpent was crafty and now cursed
- ❑ The snake is now docile in a sign of defeat



To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”



Genesis 3:16 NIV

To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’” Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

Genesis 3:17 NIV



**It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field. 19
By the sweat of your brow you will eat your
food until you return to the ground, since
from it you were taken; for dust you are and
to dust you will return.”**

Genesis 3:18-19 NIV



Sin Causes Pain

- ❑ Pain for Eve in her role
- ❑ Pain before the child is born
- ❑ Partnership is tainted
- ❑ Urges, desires, control, conflict



Sin Causes Pain

❑ Pain for Adam

❑ Work the ground that is cursed

❑ Filled with thorns

❑ Should have had paradise, but
that is gone



Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them



Genesis 3:20-21 NIV

And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”



Genesis 3:22 NIV

So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 3:23-24 NIV



Sin Separates Us From God

- ❑ Humans tried to BE LIKE God rather than JUST BE with God
- ❑ Adam is kept from the tree of life
 - ❑ Guarded and can't get there on his own

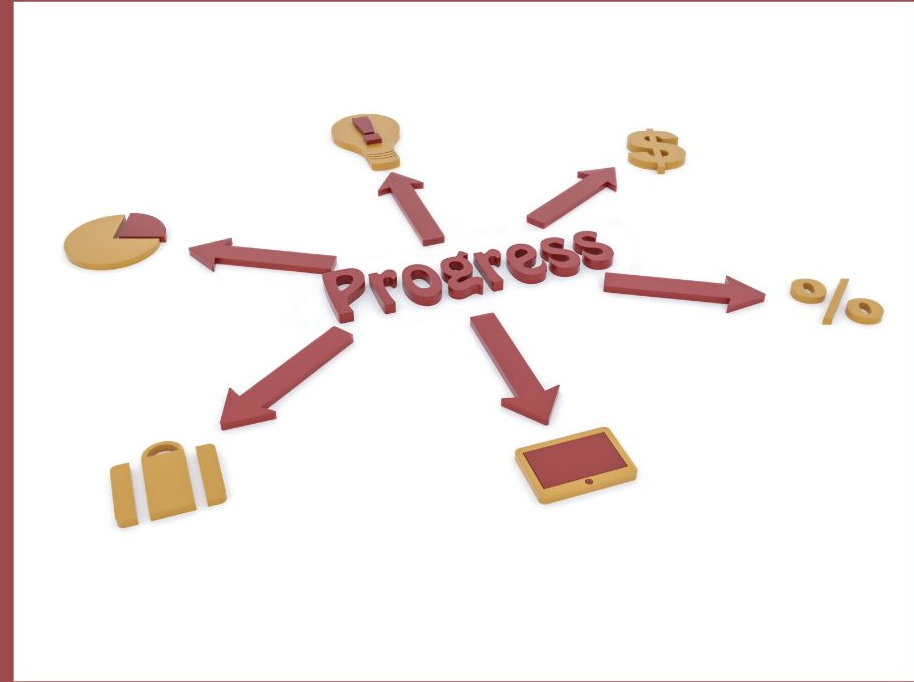


Temptation Leads to Sin

- ❑ Sin often comes after we're tempted
- ❑ Temptation likes a fuel source



“NOW WE’RE COOKING WITH GAS!”



Insecurity

❑ Self-Confidence

❑ Not good enough, smart enough...

❑ “Take this other road”

❑ Involves going against God

❑ Find confidence somewhere else



Insecurity

❑ Relationships

❑ Tempting to see them as a means of total fulfillment and joy

❑ Do anything to keep the relationship



Insecurity

❑ Relationships

❑ “You need this relationship **MORE** than your relationship with God”

❑ Temptation leads to sin



Sin Causes Pain

- ❑ Sin is not the sole cause of pain, but it causes pain
- ❑ Sin is never innocent



IT'S NOT THAT INNOCENT



Sin Hurts Us

- ❑ Causes shame, guilt, and loneliness
- ❑ Isolation and separating from others
- ❑ Community can help
 - ❑ Support, care, grace and NOT judgement



Sin Hurts Others

- ❑ Sin that seems personal affects others
- ❑ Pride seems individual
 - ❑ Changes how I treat others
 - ❑ Not showing love and grace of God



Sin Hurts Others

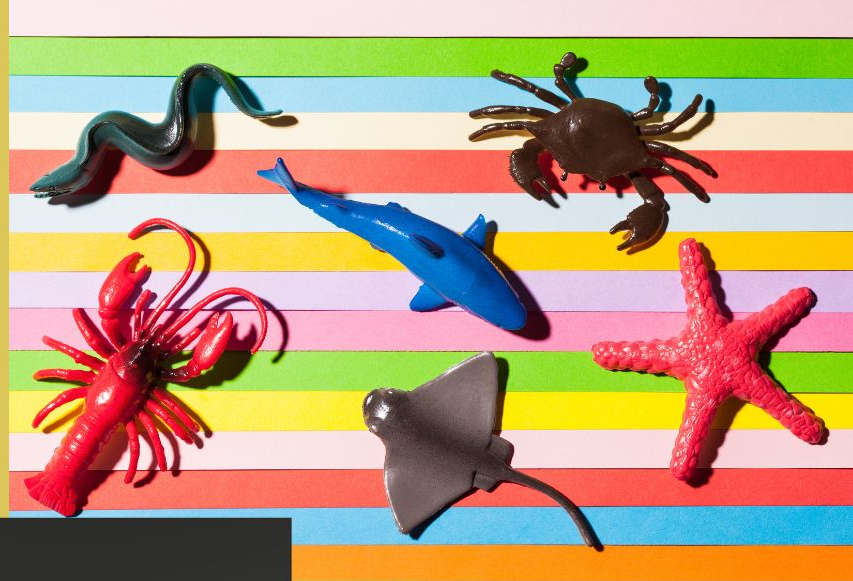
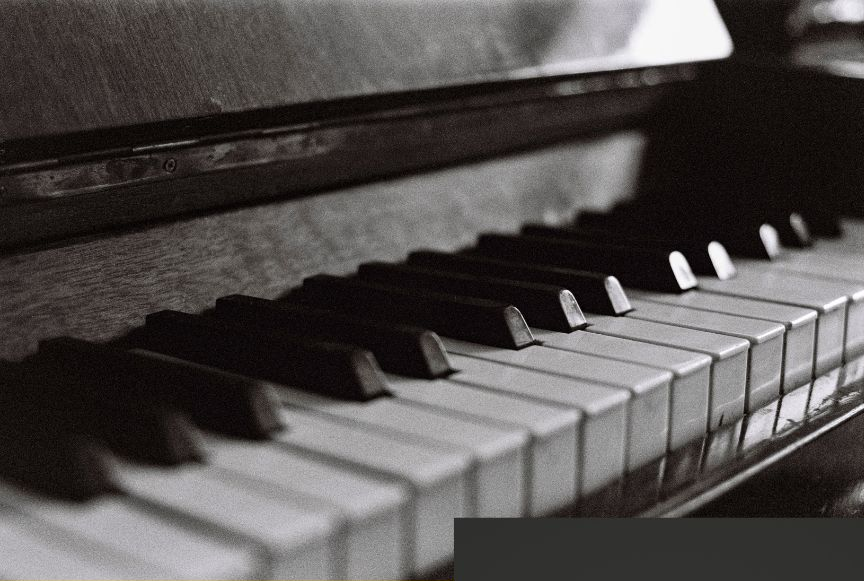
- ❑ **Fill minds with impurity**
- ❑ **Affects how we view others, what we project onto them, the standards we hold them to**



Sin Separates Us From God

- ❑ Sin is a barrier between us and God





Sin Separates Us From God

- ❑ When we sin it takes our focus from God
- ❑ God design wasn't separation
- ❑ Be content just being with God



We Still Have Hope

- ☐ God moves in the midst of sin
- ☐ God doesn't stop working when we sin



We Still Have Hope

- ☐ God doesn't stop working when there is sin around us
- ☐ God never ceases being God



What Jesus Did

- ❑ Hope in what Jesus did on the cross
- ❑ Jesus paid for our sin



What Jesus Did

- ❑ *“Adam and Eve hid behind a tree, naked and conquered by shame, Jesus hung on a tree, naked, and conquered shame.”* (Rich Villodas)

