



Walking in the Right Direction

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Genesis 3:1-7

¹ 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?'"

² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ 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.'"

⁴ "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."

⁶ 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. ⁷ 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.

Adam and Eve were walking toward:

- Temptation (*verses 1-5*)
- Sin (*vs.6*)
- Shame (*vs.7*)
- Shifting blame

The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." – Genesis 3:12

God tells Adam to "walk this way:"

1) Walk toward the sound of His voice

"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. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" – Genesis 3:8-9

Application: When in doubt, run to and not from

2) Walk toward moments of honesty and clarity

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid." – Genesis 3:10

Application: Now is the time to be honest with God and yourself.

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3) Walk out of the shadows of shame and hiding

Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?"
– Genesis 3:13

Application: You have to own it.

4) Walk through the tough school of consequences

The tough consequences of sin:

- a. The pain of birthing something new
- b. More work
- c. Death

5) Walk toward God's gracious provision

The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. – Genesis 3:21

Application: Accepting God's gracious provision is a choice that only you can make.

6) Walk into a future that promises God's presence

(Genesis 4 through today!)

Application: God is inviting you to take a walk.

On Your Way Home

Do you enjoy walking? Why or why not?

Group Life Discussion Questions



- 1) What is your preferred mode of transportation (e.g., walking, bike, motorcycle, car, truck, boat, plane)? If convenience and speed were not issues, would your choice change?
- 2) If you could go for a "walk and talk" with any one person (living or dead), who would you choose, why would you choose them, and what is one question you would like to ask?
- 3) When we fail, why do you think we are prone to run from God instead of to Him? If your answer is shame, what can we learn from Adam and Eve about that response?
- 4) Read Genesis 3:16-24. How does the curse of Adam affect your life on a daily basis?
- 5) Where do you find Jesus in Genesis 3:21?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?