**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE FALL?**

#### **A Devastating Decision (Genesis 3)**

#### **Story Setup: Know It -** Real Satan, Literal Adam & Eve, Paradise Lost

#### **Suffering -** Living in a Fallen World: Continual Consequences **-** Disease, Disaster, Discord, Death

#### **Woman’s Consequences** – Genesis 3:16 “To the woman he said, ‘I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

#### **Man’s Consequences** – Genesis 3:17-19 “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.’”

#### **Separation: Cast Out**

therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden (Genesis 3:23)

#### **Solution: Relationship Restored**

#### *The Gospel Solution: Eternal Forgiveness*

#### Real Christ Literal Death & Resurrection Paradise Restored

#### **5 Ways to Respond to Satan’s Work**

#### **Resist:** **Incredible Power**– “Resist the devil & he will flee from you.” (James 4:7)

#### **Avoid:** **Relational Interference:** - “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”(Romans 8:39)

#### **Clear Up:** **Communication Confusion:** “father of all lies” (John 8:44)

#### **Put Off:** **Persuasion for** **Passion**– “passions are at war within you” (James 4:1)

#### **Watch Out: Ongoing Presence** - “Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8)

#### **4 Questions to Ask to See Sin**

#### (1 John 2:16) all that is in the world—the *desires of the flesh* and the *desires of the eyes* and *pride of life*—is not from the Father but is *from the world*.

#### **Is it Physically or Spiritually Edifying? Desires of the Flesh** v.6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food

#### **Is it Covetous or God-Glorifying? Desires of the Eyes.** v.6 and that it was a delight to the eyes

#### **Is it Self-Centered or God-Centered? Pride of Life.** v.6 and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise

#### **Who is Offering It? From the world.** v.6 she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.