

SERMON

DATE: Sunday, May 11-12, 2019

SERIES TITLE: REFLECT - Mirroring the Image of God in Our Relationships

SERMON TITLE: Two Questions for Life?

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3:1-9

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[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 certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.

[5] “For God knows that when you eat from 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.

[8] 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.

[9] But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

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1. What have we done to ourselves?

- We have been deceived.

1 John 2:16-17: For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

- We have believed lies.
- We have neglected God.
- We have suffered the consequences of our selfishness.

2. What has Christ done for us?

- He has provided a way.
- He has broken down barriers.
- He has given us direction and wisdom.
- He has given us hope.

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Last week as I checked in to vote at my polling place, I was served by a woman I didn't know but who knew me. She was very friendly and very nice, with warm words about the church.

As I began to enter the voting booth, she asked a question I've been asked many times before: "Are you finished with the building or do you plan to build something else?" I always answer the same way: "I hope we're finished!"

But, in reality, I hope we never finish. I hope we continue to reach people and meet needs. I pray that God would show us new ministries to touch the community and to bless lives with the gospel.

As part of that desire, we are moving ahead with our plans to build a newer, better, and larger Special Friends area. I have been so thankful for our ministry to special needs individuals and their families. Our plan is to renovate the area where the church offices were previously and turn it into a well-equipped and up-to-date special needs area.

While it will take a considerable amount of money, there will be no heavy renovation. Our special needs leadership says that the present configuration is almost ideal for their ministry.

We don't have a timetable for completion, but we know that God has led us to this point, and we are looking forward for many fruitful years of ministry to come.

Please be in prayer as we continue to grow ministry and to seek to meet people's needs.