

**The Things That Are Revealed**  
**6 – Did God Actually Say?**  
**Genesis 3:1-13**



1. Do you have a more humorous, “What have you done?” story that you can share?
2. We’ve heard in the past that there is one spiritual war being fought on three fronts: the devil, the flesh, and the world. Pastor Todd has made the point that dealing with our flesh is the battlefield that requires the most attention. Would you agree with that statement? In what ways do you also see the world system bringing temptation? What about demonic activity? Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 and discuss how this passage helps us understand the fight we’re in. What counsel does it give us?
3. In what way does the Word of God factor into this fight with temptation? Read and determine how these verses contribute to our understanding the centrality of the Bible in this battle: Psalm 1:1-6; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12. What can you do to ramp up the impact of God’s Word in your life?
4. Our unbridled passions cause us to succumb to temptation and sin. Look at the extra verses Pastor Todd suggested, Matthew 4:1-11 and 1 John 2:16, and compare them to Genesis 3:6. What parallels do you notice? Discuss how these three aspects of temptation cover all sin we may commit. Why is it that we can know these things and yet still give in to temptation?
5. Shame, fear, and guilt flow from any decision to sin. Would you say, as it was suggested, that society at large does not suffer from shame, fear, and guilt? Would you say our church is more of a “truth church” that confronts sin head on or a “grace church” that allows people to grow as the Spirit leads them?
6. The only recourse we have as sinners is to admit our lostness, hear God’s voice calling out, “Where are you?” and seek his forgiveness by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We do that initially when we become believers, and then in an ongoing way as we address residual sin in our lives. Anything else minimizes the gospel and what Jesus did for us. **“To gloss over the losses sustained in the fall of man and its reverberations would be to deny the cost of the rescue, the worth of our ransom, and the surpassing joy Christ saw that made him scorn the shame of the cross. And it would cause us to miss entirely what’s coming.”**—Amy Baik Lee, *This Homeward Ache*. In your prayer time, take time to simply thank the Father for his love, the Son for his sacrifice, and the Holy Spirit for his regeneration and indwelling.

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**Sin against God happens when I...**

**...underestimate the power of temptation (v. 1a)**

John 8:44

Matthew 16:23

Romans 16:20a

Revelation 12:9

**...fail to grasp his Word (v. 1b-5)**

Ephesians 6:11

Ephesians 6:17b

Psalms 119:11

**...succumb to my own unbridled passions (v. 6)**

**...the desire for pleasure**

**...the desire for possessions**

**...the pride in having power**

The way of rebellion puts immediate pleasure in front of possible consequences and sets our own perceptions of what is good for us against what God has told us about ourselves and his world.

- David J. Atkinson

**...forfeit his goodness, choosing instead**

**...shame (v. 7)**

**...fear (v. 8-10)**

**...guilt (v. 11-13)**

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**And God asks, "Where are you?" (v. 9)**

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