

On Your Own

You have heard the account of Adam and Eve. Images that come to mind may be a lush garden, trees laden with ripe fruit, animals of all kinds roaming about, two naked people, fig leaves and a serpent with a slithering, sly tongue.

This amazing account, which seems so far into the past that it could not possibly be relevant today, is actually what shapes your very being. Often referred to as “the fall of man,” the story of Adam and Eve’s disobedience to God is also your story. It is the story of how we humans came to exist and how, from the start, we have continued to follow our own selfish whims and extricate ourselves from a true and abundant with God.

- 1 Sin enters the world. Adam and Eve did not physically die the moment they ate that fruit, but they experienced spiritual death.
Genesis 2:15 – 17
Genesis 3:6 – 10.

Describe the effects of spiritual death and how it altered their relationship with God.

- 2 One “small sin” can grow and spread and lead to something much worse.
Romans 5:12

What experience have you had when you did something wrong that seemed like a small thing, but then it spread into something bigger?

- 3 Jesus can change you.
Romans 5:17
Ezekiel 36:26 – 27

Think about Adam and Jesus. How did the actions of each affect humanity?

How does God promise to change our nature?

- 4 Who or what is your greatest resource in life? Why?
Philippians 3:8

Why is a relationship with Jesus more important than anything else?

Is there anything else that we can take with us after death?

Name some benefits of having a relationship with God. When have you needed God’s help.

- 5 Who created you? Who formed your inmost being?
Genesis 1:27
Genesis 5:1 – 2

You were created in the image of God. What does this uniquely say about your value to God?

- 6 With God you have the opportunity to completely set aside all your discouraging, negative traits and put on a new self. It is never too late for you to change your old ways.
Colossians 3:8 – 14

We are to “put aside” the activities of the old broken image. What activities and attitudes should you be rid of?



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Your Timeline

Why Am I Here?

Broken Relationship With God

Attempted Restoration

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Discussion

Video Outline

Your Timeline

- Life is short
- Denying the inevitable

Why Am I Here?

- Created for a purpose
- Embracing your mortality
- A relationship with your Creator

Broken Relationship With God

- Sin corruption
- Tragic personal and societal effects
- Spiritual and physical death

Attempted Restoration

- Religious activities

God's Restoration

- God desires restoration
- Sacrificial love
- Costly, painful
- He took your Place
- Ultimate act of sacrifice

Intimacy With God

- An unearned gift

- Complete, total
- Not performance-based
- Not based on your feelings

Your Response

- Accept His security

Oh mighty God, I recognize that the Lord

Jesus is the Savior of the world.

Recognizing who He is, I repent of my sins.

I am sorry that I have kept Christ out of my life.

And I now by faith and trust, through all my sins, habits and all, receive Him.

Come in Lord Jesus.

I will follow You from now on.

Amen.

Discussion Questions

- 1 What does “the fall” have to do with you today?
- 2 Why did God create you?
- 3 How have broken relationships with God affected our society?
- 4 What does it mean to have intimacy with God?