

Deciding Who'll Draw the Lines

Series: *“Earthquakes and Aftershocks”*

Message #1: Genesis 3:1-13

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1. The Earthquake

God drew the line.

Genesis 2:16–17 (CSB) - *And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die.”*

**Eve crossed it, with a
little help from you-
know-who.**

Genesis 3:1–6 (CSB) - *Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden’?”* ²*The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden.* ³*But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, ‘You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.’”*

4“No! You will not die,” the serpent said to the woman. 5“In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

2. The Aftershock

A sense of defilement

Genesis 3:7 (CSB) - *Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.*

Shame

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Hiding from God

Vv. 8-10 – Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹So the LORD God called out to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

¹⁰And he said, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.”

Denial of responsibility

Vv. 11-13 – Then he asked, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹²The man replied, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate.”

***13 So the LORD God asked the woman,
“What is this you have done?”***

***And the woman said, “The serpent
deceived me, and I ate.”***

The fall of the race

Genesis 3:16–19 (CSB) - *He said to the woman: I will intensify your labor pains; you will bear children with painful effort. Your desire will be for your husband, yet he will rule over you.*

17And he said to the man, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘Do not eat from it’: The ground is cursed because of you. You will eat from it by means of painful labor all the days of your life. 18It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19You will eat bread by the sweat of your brow until you return to t

*he ground, since you were taken from it.
For you are dust, and you will return to
dust.”*

Genesis 2:16–17 (CSB) – “*On the day you eat from it, you will certainly die.*”

Romans 5:12, 18-19 (CSB) - *Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned. ...*
¹⁸Through one trespass there is condemnation for everyone. ... ¹⁹Through one man's disobedience the many were made sinners.

3. Truth for Today

**God has drawn the
lines of right and
wrong, of truth and
lie.**

Exodus 20:3–17 (CSB) - *Do not have other gods besides me. ...⁴Do not make an idol for yourself. ...⁷Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God. ...⁸Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ...¹²Honor your father and your mother. ...¹³Do not murder. ...¹⁴Do not commit adultery. ...¹⁵Do not steal. ...¹⁶Do not give false testimony against your neighbor. ...¹⁷Do not covet.*

True or False:

The best life you can ever experience is a life that's lived inside the moral boundaries God has established.

The lie we believe:
***God's plan is to mess
up my life.***

**The craving of every
sinful heart: *“I want
to run my own life.”***

**3 questions you must
face:**

**Question #1: Who's
going to draw the lines
in my life?**

**Question #2: What
will I do when I cross
the line?**

Genesis 3:21 (CSB) - *The LORD God made clothing from skins for the man and his wife, and he clothed them.*

Romans 3:21–25 (CSB) - *But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been revealed, attested by the Law and the Prophets. ²²The righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe, since there is no distinction. ²³For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ²⁴They are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented him as an atoning sacrifice in his blood, received through faith.*

Question #3: What's
the line I'm being
tempted to cross right
now?