

THE → WHOLE STORY

Week 2: Fall “The Tragic Flaw”

Genesis 3.1-19

OPEN

Welcome to our series called **“The whole story.”** Playing our part in the drama of redemption requires that we know the whole story of redemption from Creation (Act 1) to New Creation (Act 7). Last week we looked at Act 1: Creation. We unpacked our awesome potential as humans created in His image to bring order into the disorder around us through the power of our words. But even a cursory look at our world today is enough realize that something has gone seriously wrong. Humans have shown a dismaying potential to further the disorder in creation in general and other humans in particular, What went wrong? That is the focus of this weekends message—Act 2: the tragic flaw.

SHARE & RECONNECT

1. Share a story of wasted human potential that you know (or have heard of) and that person’s “fatal flaw” .
2. Have you ever felt you failed to meet your own potential? Share

READING

1. Read Genesis 3.1-6
 - If you were a news reporter observing this scene, what would you emphasize in your report and why?
 - What three “hooks” did the serpent employ to seduce Eve into disobeying?

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2. Read Matthew 4.1-11

- Compare the hooks Satan used to “tempt” Jesus with his approach to Eve.

🔍 REFLECT

1. Genesis 3.1-6: Which of Satan’s three hooks that persuaded Eve to disobey God are you most vulnerable to and why?
2. Genesis 3.7-19 Review the interaction between God and Adam and Eve subsequent to their disobedience.
 - How do you try to “hide” from God—*your “trees”*?
 - What are your “go to” fig leaves—philosophy (I’m basically good), comparison (I’m not as bad as..), excusing (I did it because..), performance (I’ll compensate/atone for by ...)?
 - Which of these five marks of “death” seem to be most evident in your life—psychological, spiritual, relational, vocational, physical . Be as specific as you can. Where do these show up for you?
3. Matthew 4.1-11 . Contrast Jesus’ strategy with that of Eve. What needs change in your life to be able to respond like Jesus to

🗨️ PRAY

- Pray with and for one another using insights from the above as fuel.
- Pray for our kids, students, and families, that God would protect them from temptation.
- Continue to pray for our elders, staff, and leaders in this season of transition. Thank God for the unity we have and ask for his wisdom as we follow his leading during this time.