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Genesis 3

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**Introduction:** “She took of its fruit and ate.” This is the description of Eve’s disobedience in the garden. And it’s fair to say that never has a statement of such simplicity been pregnant with so much catastrophe. Everything that’s wrong with the world—from our own personal struggles to the conflicts throughout the earth—goes back to what happened *on that day in that garden by that tree*.

**Consequences of a Revolt**

**01.**

**02.**

**03.**

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1. The serpent's chief ploy was to cause Eve to doubt God's goodness (see vv. 1, 4-5). Are there areas in your life where you doubt the goodness of God? How will you overcome those doubts?
2. How is unbelief (i.e., a failure to believe the gospel) the root of all sin?
3. What are some of the physical/earthly effects of Adam and Eve's rebellion? What about relational effects?
4. What is the significant about the fact that God "drove out the man" from the garden (v. 24)?
5. How do we see God's grace beautifully on display in this passage (hint: there are at least three ways)? How does that provide great encouragement to us?
6. What are some ways that the seed of the woman's offspring will restore creation?

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1. "Under every behavioral sin is the sin of idolatry, and under every act of idolatry is a disbelief in the gospel. The article of justification must be sounded in our ears incessantly because the frailty of our flesh will not permit us to take hold of it perfectly and to believe it with all our heart." - Martin Luther
  
2. **01. Joyful innocence is replaced by guilt and fear.**
  
3. **02. The pleasures of living in Paradise are replaced by the pain of living on a cursed earth.**
  
4. "For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it ... for we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies." - Romans 8
  
5. "[The] royal stewardship [of the earth] is twisted into tyranny. Every sign of human oppression, violence, idolatry, and immorality in the world can be seen as the perversion of the original good. The commission to be fruitful and to multiply, to work in, guard, protect and subdue God's garden so that peace and righteousness extends to the ends of the earth is twisted into empires of oppression in order to secure consummation without God."
  
6. **03. Intimacy with God is replaced by alienation from God.**
  
7. "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned ... much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ... Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for fall men."  
- Romans 5

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