

A WALK WITH JESUS

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-7

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Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

I have never made a trip to the Holy Land, but I think my life has been a journey of faith. We read in today's scripture how Satan tempted Adam and Eve (who were both in the same place) and changed this journey forever. We are touched by the intimacy of their relationship with God's newly created world and all that was in it. Their walks with God in the cool of the evening show their intimacy with God Himself. All of that changed with just a bite of forbidden fruit.

Notice I said changed, not ended, for we can all walk with God in the cool of the evening wherever we find ourselves. Our relationship with all of God's creation can be a relationship built on our caring for God's beautiful world.

Even in the hard times, the dark times, the bad times filled with grief and pain just a few quite moments can change our journey of fear into a journey of hope. Yes, it is true that we live under the curse of Adam and Eve, but we also walk in the footprints of a God who carries us when the way gets too hard.

During this time of Lent, let us look forward to the days ahead and prepare ourselves for the next stage of the journey knowing that God's love for us and the sacrifice His Son made for us will get us through. Walk each day in the knowledge that He walks with us and cares with us always.

Prayer: Dear loving God, in this time of preparation, prepare our hearts to serve you better. Prepare each of us to walk closer with You. Thank you for the gift of Your Son and the sacrifice He made for us. Prepare us for the walk we take with you daily. Amen

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