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“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

“One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?” “Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”

“You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.” The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful, and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So, she took some of the fruit and ate it.

Genesis 3:1-6

The Enemy’s Strategy Is Consistent

The problem: We think our circumstances, emotions, and temptations are unique

Desire - Satan identifies a natural desire to leverage against God’s purposes.

“Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.”

James 1:14-15

Deception: Satan takes truth and twists it for his purposes.

“The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”

John 10:10

Doubt: We begin to doubt the goodness of God His word / His purpose / His design

“Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. You must warn each other every day, while it is still “today,” so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God.”

Hebrews 3:12-13

Disobedience: We decide to be independent of God and choose what we desire

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Death / Destruction: We experience the consequences of sin over time.

“You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living...For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:16,23

Temptation is choice between... Life & death, Blessing & Curse, Freedom & Slavery

Protection Against Temptations:

- Flight Resist the enemy & draw near to God James 4:7-10
 - Flight Resist your desires & enjoy other believers 2 Timothy 2:22
 - Flight PLAN & PREPARE for your PATH Proverbs 4:26-27
 - Fight Know God’s Word personally Psalm 119:11 & Matthew 4:1-11
- “...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:17