

Questions for Life

From Sunday, May 2, 2010

Big Questions: Why Do I Struggle?

2:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

Psalm 51:5 In sin my mother conceived me.

Romans 5:12 Just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Romans 7:24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

1. The question raised is "Why Do I Struggle?" What answer to this question was presented in the message? What difference can this answer make in the way you view yourself?

2. What difference can this answer make in the way you view your spouse...your kids...your parents...your friends... your co-workers?

3. Can you tell about a time that you believed what Satan says in Genesis 3:4?

4. God had said to Adam, "In the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:17). Since Adam and Eve didn't die physically when they sinned, perhaps Satan could have said to them, "See, you didn't die. You're not really dead." Can you tell about a time that you believed you weren't really dead, and then later realized that you were?

5. Can you tell about a time that you felt that God was calling to you as He called to Adam in Genesis 3:9? How did you respond to His call?