



# Genesis 2



And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good.

**Genesis 1:31**



# Act 2: Fall

The Kingdom Rebels Against the King



And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food.

**Genesis 2:8-9**



The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

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The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,

**Genesis 2:15-17**



but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

**Genesis 2:15-17**





# Sin – “Missing the Mark”



Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

- **New City Catechism**



# Genesis 3:1-5



God says, “I am good. The tree is bad. Trust me.”



God says, “I am good. The tree is bad. Trust me.”

Satan says, “God is bad. The tree is good. Trust me instead.”



**Sin isn't bad because it's forbidden,  
sin is forbidden because it's bad.**



# Genesis 3:6-19



**Sin is not just on us,  
but also in us and of us.**





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**Guilt + Corruption**



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—

**Romans 5:12**



And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

**Ephesians 2:1-3**



among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

**Ephesians 2:1-3**



“What I and other believers understand by the word ‘sin’ has got very little to do with yummy transgression. For us, it refers to something much more like the human tendency, the human propensity to \*\*\*\* up.



Or let's add one more word; the human propensity to \*\*\*\* things up, because what we're talking about here is not just our tendency to lurch and stumble and screw up by accident, our passive role as agents of entropy.





It's our active inclination to break stuff, 'stuff' here including moods, promises, relationships we care about, and our own well-being and other people's, as well as material objects whose high gloss positively seems to invite a big fat scratch.



Now I hope we are on common ground.”

- **Francis Spufford**





# What is broken?



# What is broken? Sin.



# What is broken? Sin in us.



For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

**Romans 8:7**



“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

**Genesis 3:15**



“If you are a preacher of mercy, do not preach an imaginary but the true mercy. If the mercy is true, you must therefore bear the true, not an imaginary sin. God does not save those who are only imaginary sinners.



Be a sinner, and let your sins be strong, but let your trust in Christ be stronger, and rejoice in Christ who is the victor over sin, death, and the world.”

- **Martin Luther**



