# Week 2: THE FALL (GENESIS 3)

#### FRAMING THE DISCUSSION

- Genesis 2:17: "but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

:9 // Isaiah		28:12-17 /	// 2 Cor. 1	1:14-15

### **4 KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING GENESIS 3 & THE FALL**

1st Key- Gen. 3:1-6- Deceitfulness - Repulsiveness - Rebelliousness				
"Has God said?"				
"You surely will not die!"				
"Know good & evil"				

## 2nd Key- Genesis 3:7-13- Initial Consequences

#### **Massive inversion of creation**

Death			
"Eyes Opened"			

# 3rd Key- Genesis 3:14-19- Explicit Curses **Serpent (vs 14-15)** "Enmity between you and the woman" Woman (v 16) Man (vs 17-19)

4th Key- Genesis 3:20-24- Long-term Effects					
Romans 1:18-32					

# **TAKEAWAYS-** How does Genesis 3 fit into the whole Bible and how does it fit into our lives?

Understand willful rebellion	
Understand supreme evil is not horizontal but vertical	
Understand the greatest need of humanity	

"We human beings are a mystery to ourselves. We are rational and irrational, civilized and savage, capable of deep friendship and murderous hostility, free and in bondage, the pinnacle of creation and its greatest danger. We are Rembrandt and Hitler, Mozart and Stalin, Antigone and Lady Macbeth, Ruth and Jezebel. "What a work of art," says Shakespeare of humanity. "We are very dangerous," says Arthur Miller in After the Fall. We meet... not in some garden of wax fruit and painted leaves that lies East of Eden, but after the Fall, after many, many deaths."

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