



THE FALL (Genesis 3-11)

Like Russ, I am a fan of a great story. It doesn't have to be a happy one, just a compelling and interesting one. If we know anything about the Bible, which tells God's and our story, it is certainly compelling. The stakes are high, life and death, full of danger, rescue, and sacrifice. It has been called The Greatest Story Ever Told. The story of God and Jesus is that and more. That's what makes this series so important. We are all caught up in THE story, and we are deeply invested in how it ends. Oh, I forgot, it never ends just as God never does.

What makes a good to great story for you? (Name one and why.)

What's the difference between seeing the Bible as a story instead of just facts and information?

TALK ABOUT IT

[Read Genesis 3:1-13.](#)

The serpent tempts Adam and Eve to question God's honesty and intentions toward them.

How do you see the same doubt about God being seen today?

Adam and Eve's first response after they sinned was shame. Shame has a positive and negative role in our relationship with sin. It can bring you to repentance and forgiveness and it can cripple your spirit if you let it make its home in your heart.

How have you seen shame damage a relationship with God?

How have you struggled with shame in your life?

The sermon identified four results of the Fall: shame, separation, pain, and death.

Which of these do you see most clearly in our world today?

Which do you feel most personally?

APPLY IT

The sermon emphasized that “there’s always something more going on” in Scripture.

How does seeing the Bible as one connected story (instead of isolated events) change the way you read it?

Even in Genesis 3 and the story of Noah, we see hints of hope and rescue.

Why is it important to see those early signs of redemption?

PRAY TOGETHER

Pray, specifically, for one another to put fear and worry in their place and build trust in God to be free from sin and shame.