



Close Encounters #1: From Eden To Eternity

September 9 & 10, 2023

Selected Passages from Genesis 2 & 3 and the rest of the Bible

Opener: Share something that you made or did that gave you great pleasure (item, art, accomplishment, etc.). In one sentence, describe how that made you feel

Go Deeper:

1. Read Genesis 2:7. What does this reveal about the intimate relationship between God and humanity? How does this creation account reflect God's intention for His people in His redemptive plan?
 2. Genesis 3 describes the Fall of Humankind. Talk about if this was a surprise to God?
 3. How does Adam and Eve's disobedience in the Garden of Eden impact God's redemptive plan?
 4. Analyze the consequences of sin in Genesis 3:14-19. How do these consequences set the stage for God's redemptive work throughout the Bible? In what ways do they point forward to the need for a Savior?
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Live It:

1. Are human beings naturally good? Do we have free will or, because of the Fall, are our wills bound by sin apart from Christ? Talk about how your perspective on this impacts your faith.
2. Read Romans 5:12-18. Talk about how the sin of Adam affects people today, and how the grace of Jesus Christ is the remedy.
3. Read Psalm 103:10-14. How does God's unmerited favor (grace) to you in Jesus Christ free you to love God and love others?
4. What does it mean to you that you are part of the story of God's redemptive plan for humankind?
5. What specifically is God saying to you?
6. What specifically are you going to do about it this week?



GOD TIME:

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday:	Genesis 2:4b-25
Monday:	Genesis 3:1-21
Tuesday:	Genesis 11:27-32
Wednesday:	Genesis 12:1-9
Thursday:	Genesis 14:14-20
Friday:	Genesis 17:1-8
Saturday:	Genesis 17:15-22

