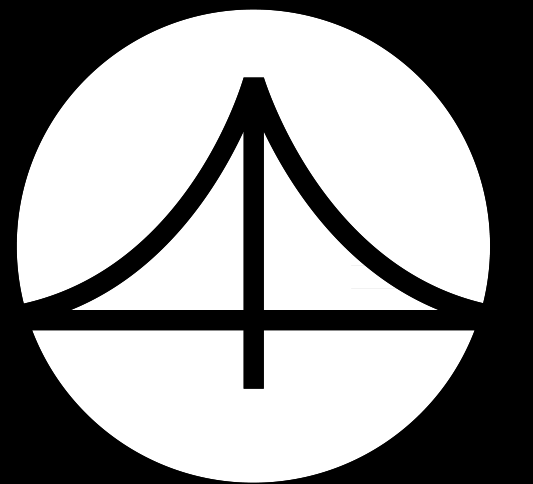


Genesis: The Fall

Genesis 3



**The story of humanity is one of rebellion
and grace.**

- **Tools of Trickery**
- **How We Fall**
- **God's Response**

Tools of Trickery

1. Asks Questions

- Questions reshape how we see reality
- Questions built on wrong assumptions about the world that can't possibly have a right answer

2. Gets us to Forget God's Character

- Gets us focused on one part of God's character at the expense of other parts

Tools of Trickery

3. Contradicts God

- Waits until we're ready before the full attack
- Makes it seem like he cares about us and God doesn't

4. Twists the Truth

- The best lie is the one that most closely resembles the truth

Tools of Trickery

5. Promises Paradise

- Says his way, not God's, is the path to human flourishing

How We Fall

- Human pride
 - To eat the fruit is cosmic treason
- Human laziness
 - The man abdicates his role as protector of the garden and leader of the family
- 3 classic responses to shame:
 - Cover up - Hide - Blame

God's Response

- Love AND Justice
- Despite the consequences, God promises a rescuer who will defeat the snake
- God covers their shame more thoroughly than they could through their best efforts
 - A substitute dies in their place so their shame can be covered