

LOVE AND WAR

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"Marriage is like taking Cinderella and Huck Finn, tossing them in a submarine, and closing the hatch. What did you think would happen?" – John & Stasi Eldredge

"The vision is always solid and reliable; the vision is always a fact. It is the reality that is often a fraud."
– G. K. Chesterton

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

- **There is a battle for your marriage and the Enemy is strong & relentless.**

Genesis 3:2-3

2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

- **The widening gap between *knowing* and *doing***

James 4:17 – Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

"I don't know why people say it is so hard to quit smoking; I've done it hundreds of times myself."
– Mark Twain

"Sin causes us to shrink our focus, motivation, and concern to the size of our own wants needs, and feelings...Sin causes us to be offended most by offenses against us and to be concerned most by what concerns us...We struggle with God's plan because, at street level, we don't really want what God wants. We want what we want, and we want him to deliver it." – Paul David Tripp

Genesis 3:6

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

- **The drift toward...slothful Adam & controlling Eve**

Genesis 3:8-9

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"