



## Dealing With the Real Issues of Family Relationships

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**Big Question:** What are the real issues your family is facing?

1. What was hard to face in your family?
2. Has your family made bad decisions that now limit the quality of your family's life?
3. Do you feel like your family is starting over in a harder place than they enjoyed years ago?

### I. The Day the Issue Came to Light In Adam's Family

Genesis 3:21–24 (The Message): 22 God said, "The Man has become like one of us, capable of knowing everything, ranging from good to evil. **What if he now should reach out and take fruit from the Tree-of-Life and eat, and live forever? Never—this cannot happen!**"

### II. The Consequences the Light Brought to Adam's Family

23 So **God expelled them** from the Garden of Eden and sent them to work the ground, the same dirt out of which they'd been made. 24 He **threw them out of the garden** and stationed angel-cherubim and a revolving sword of fire east of it, guarding the path to the Tree-of-Life.

### III. The Opportunity to Start Over In Adam's Family

4:1 Adam **slept with Eve his wife. She conceived and** had Cain. She said, "I've gotten a man, with God's help!" 2 Then **she had another baby, Abel**. Abel was a herdsman and Cain a farmer.

### IV. Three Mistakes That Caused Adam's Family to Fall (Genesis 3:1-13 (The Message))

#### 1. They allowed their values to be challenged

**3:1** The serpent was clever, more clever than any wild animal God had made. He spoke to the Woman: "Do I understand that **God told you not to eat from any tree in the garden?**" 2 The Woman said to the serpent, "Not at all. We can eat from the trees in the garden. 3 It's only about the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'Don't eat from it; don't even touch it or you'll die.' " 4 **The serpent told the Woman, "You won't die.** 5 God **knows that the moment you eat from that tree, you'll see what's really going on. You'll be just like God, knowing everything, ranging all the way from good to evil.**"



**2. They decided together to change their values?** (Has your family made this decision?)

6 When the Woman saw that the tree looked like good eating and realized what she would get out of it—she'd know everything! —she took and ate the fruit and then gave some to her husband, and he ate. 7 Immediately the two of them did “see what’s really going on”—saw themselves naked! They sewed fig leaves together as makeshift clothes for themselves.

**3. They decided together to hide from God**

8 When they heard the sound of God strolling in the garden in the evening breeze, the Man and his Wife hid in the trees of the garden, hid from God. 9 God called to the Man: “Where are you?” 10 He said, “I heard you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked. And I hid.” 11 God said, “Who told you you were naked? Did you eat from that tree I told you not to eat from?” 12 The Man said, “The Woman you gave me as a companion, she gave me fruit from the tree, and, yes, I ate it.” God said to the Woman, “What is this that you’ve done?” 13 “The serpent seduced me,” she said, “and I ate.”

**Conclusion:**

**V. Five Questions That Can Help  
You Face Your Family Issues**

1. What has changed in your family?
2. What values have you abandoned?
3. Who have you been listening to?
4. What has been the long-term outcome of your choices?
5. Why did your children turn out the way they did?

**Next Time: What Happened to My Children? (October 6, 2019)**

**Read Ahead: Genesis 4**

**Questions To Think About:**

1. What did you teach your children?
2. What did you show your children?
3. What did you lie to them about?