

# THE BIG STORY OF GOD

## Act 2: Naked and Ashamed



### Reading - Genesis 2:15-3:13

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

<sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

<sup>18</sup> The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

<sup>19</sup> Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam[a] no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs[b] and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib[c] he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called 'woman,'  
for she was taken out of man."

<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

<sup>25</sup> Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

### The Fall

<sup>1</sup> 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?'"

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> 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.'"

<sup>4</sup> "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Week beginning 16th February

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup> He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

<sup>11</sup> And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

<sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

### **Discovery Bible Method**

Discovery Bible Method (DBM) allows participants to discover God's truth for themselves, rather than relying on a leader. As the leader, you are there to empower them and to pray, not to have all the answers. The DBM method is as simple as A-B-C

#### **Ask**

Ask each person how they went with the previous week's commitment.

"How did you go with \_\_\_\_\_?"

"Who did you tell?"

#### **Bible**

Have someone read the passage above aloud, then ask someone else to re-read the passage. Have the participants retell the story from memory. Spend some minutes silently reading the passage again. Silently pray for God to speak directly from the passage. Ask open-ended questions, such as:

"What do you see?"

"What does this say about God?"

"What does this say about us?"

"What is God saying to you?"

Let the participants do most of the talking and don't be afraid of silences.

If the session veers off course, you can ask,

"Where do you see that in the Bible?"

#### **Commit**

Let them suggest their own commitment to whatever God is saying to them.

Ask them:

"What are you going to do?"

"Who are you going to tell?"

### **Things to pray for:**

Prayer points for church taken from our prayer diary;

- Ruth and Isaias - For the Annual Church Retreat during the Carnival (24,25,26) time where as a church we invite our family and friends to a house in the countryside to remind us of God our Creator. For the all night prayer meeting on 29th February. For the International day of women when we will be holding a special service (for women) on 7th March. For leaders to be trained ready for our departure to England in May and June.
- **St Columba Church, Collingtree** - For Sue Clutterham and her work with Tea and Toast. Pray that we shall see more interest in this initiative. For the Partnership, Prayer and Praise on Saturday February 22nd. Pray that St Giles and St Columba Churches draw closer together. Pray for our Church Plant at St Columba on Easter Day. May God send workers into the harvest field.
- **Marriages, and organisations working to enrich marriages**