



Houston, We Have a Problem - BROKEN

Mission Marriage~ Genesis 3:1-8

September 13, 2026

Questions for the Community

What does the Bible say? (goal: go slow, notice the text, let God speak for Himself in the words of His book)

1. Read Genesis 3:1-8. How does the serpent question and contradict what God has said?
2. What sequence of choices do Eve and Adam make in Genesis 3:6, and what immediate consequences follow in verses 7-8?
3. According to Colossians 3:13-14, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, and James 5:16, how should Christians respond to conflict, hurt, and personal sin?
4. Read Philippians 2:1-4. What attitudes and actions does Paul say will protect unity and oneness?

What does it mean? (goal: get to the heart of the text by understanding what Paul is teaching then and how it relates to now)

5. What does our passage in Genesis this week teach us about how doubting God's Word can lead to rebellion, shame, hiding, and broken relationships?
6. Why is the statement "Every marriage breaks and needs repair" important? Why is facing the problem a huge step towards fixing the problem? How can this help to replace isolation and shame with community and hope?
7. What is the difference between a complaint that addresses a problem and criticism that attacks a person?
8. Review the 4 Horsemen. How do these damage trust and oneness in a marriage or another close relationship?
9. Review the Key Truth from Sunday. What does it mean to turn the spotlight on you? How is this different from selfishness, and why is personal responsibility necessary for healing?

What do I do? (goal: move from understanding to faithful, obedient lived response; this is sometimes plain and sometimes requires listening in prayer)

10. Notice which response to conflict are you most tempted toward: criticism, contempt, defensiveness, or stonewalling. What does that tendency look like in your relationships? *God, will you help me live above reproach here?*
11. Is there a sin, hurt, or relational problem you have been hiding, minimizing, or blaming on someone else? What would it look like to confess it and seek appropriate help?
12. What seeds are you planting in your closest relationships right now? What specific change could help produce a healthier future harvest?
13. Review the Key Practice. Keep a small journal of where your mind is throughout a day. Ask God to help you remember Him. He knows how to help you and is trustworthy to bring every relational needs to.