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**The Need for a Savior – Genesis 3:1-15**

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  + The Serpent Genesis 3:1-3
* “Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field” (1a)
  + Serpent: a **despised creature** that causes pain to God’s people (every one of the 31 OT occurrences)
  + Crafty: prudent, shrewd, indicates desire to entice
    - The serpent came to the woman in a way that showed his prowess and cunning to deceive her
    - The serpent did everything he could do to get the woman to do what he wanted

The Serpent’s Lies Genesis 3:4-6

* Notice how we’ve shifted from deception, “You shall not eat from any tree” to, “You will surely not die”
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* “God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God”
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    Genesis 1:26–27   
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* “The man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed” (Genesis 2:25)
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  + Sin has **now totally affected** the man and the woman
  + What was once innocent and uninhibited is now marred by the affects of sin
* Adam AND Eve **both sinned in this event**
  + The serpent was speaking to Eve and she believed the lie
  + Adam was with Eve and did not correct her misstatements because he was the one the Lord gave the commandment to about the tree of knowledge
  + Fellowship Turned Into Fear Genesis 3:9-12
* God met **face to face** with Adam and Eve
  + They enjoyed the sweetest fellowship with Him in a perfect garden
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