



“The Most Important – Part 2”

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Review the 2 goals:

1. To convince you that you can have great relationships
2. To challenge you to do whatever it takes

“The Foundation”: “We affirm that our relationship with Christ is the most important relationship.”

Genesis 2:18, 22-23, 25; 3:6-8, 10-13 (NLT)

And the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion who will help him." 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib and brought her to Adam. 23 "At last!" Adam exclaimed. "She is part of my own flesh and bone! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken out of a man." 25 Now, although Adam and his wife were both naked, neither of them felt any shame. 3:6 The woman was convinced. The fruit looked so fresh and delicious, and it would make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. Then he ate it, too. 7 At that moment, their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they strung fig leaves together around their hips to cover themselves. 8 Toward evening they heard the LORD God walking about in the garden, so they hid themselves among the trees. 10 He replied, "I heard you, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." 11 "Who told you that you were naked?" the LORD God asked. "Have you eaten the fruit I commanded you not to eat?" 12 "Yes," Adam admitted, "but it was the woman you gave me who brought me the fruit, and I ate it." 13 Then the LORD God asked the woman, "How could you do such a thing?" "The serpent tricked me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."

Decision Time: Who Will I Listen To?

1. _____ voice

Genesis 2:16-17 (NLT)

But the LORD God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”

- There will always be _____ that require _____.
- There will always be a high _____ to reach for.

2. The _____ voice

Genesis 3:1, 4-6 (NLT) (Matthew 4:1-11)

One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?” 4 “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. 5 “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.” 6 The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.

- The Problem is, “What’s Missing” in Genesis 3:6!!

Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Personal Action Steps

- Which of the 2 goals is presently vital to you?
- Am I willing to listen and act upon whatever God says is necessary for one of my “Most Important” relationships?
- Be encouraged: God desires His best for my important relationships!!