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### **Scripture**

Genesis 3:1-5 - 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'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the

garden, 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."

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

Next Week's Sermon August 7, 2022 Family in The Genesis Series Arnold Lim

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### Observation

God has provided Adam and Eve with everything they needed. The land was abundant, full of resources, a whole lot of fruit for them to eat, and so on... but when God says: "You shall not eat from this tree," it made them think why not?

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And so we see that Adam and Eve, are somehow not satisfied enough with everything around them. They thought that if the fruit looks good and it may grant wisdom, what is so bad about it? What am I missing out on?

#### **Application**

Every day there may be a temptation to disobey God's commands. We know that God doesn't try to stop the Serpent from letting this happen because the more important thing is how we respond to it.

Even when I grow up, and start meeting different people, there is always going to be that FOMO, fear of missing out. But Romans 12:2 reassures me as it says this, Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Reflection Question: How do I respond to temptation in my daily life? Do I choose to give in to it or do I choose God?





# Prayer

Dear Lord, it is difficult to obey your commands at times because there is this feeling of restraint. But I know Lord that choosing to follow your will, that is perfect and good, is much greater than any fear I have of missing out on what the world has to offer. I pray Lord that this will be a reassuring word in my heart. AMEN.

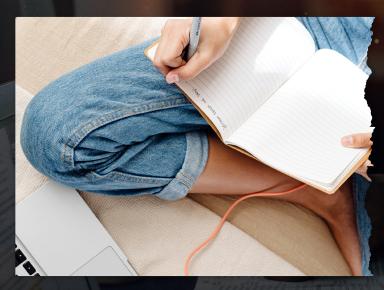


#### By Amanda Lim

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#### **Scripture**

Genesis 4:5 - But on Cain and his offering, he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.



It's weird because we do not know what 'look with favor' means. But if 'look with favor' has any similarity to God conversing with man, didn't Cain have that? Didn't God not seek after Cain when he was downcast? Instead, all that Cain could focus on is that Abel's portion was accepted but his portion was not.

#### Observation

Cain was angry as he did not receive favor from God. He was filled with jealousy which led him to kill his brother.

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### **Application**

Emotions unchecked can lead to destructive actions.

So how do we keep our emotions in check?

#1. Actively look out for hints. Unchecked emotions don't often appear like a wild Pokémon, it gradually intensifies (and becomes more unchecked). If left to be harbored, it may go either way (both good and bad)

#2. Listen to your community. Do not forgo the people who are watching over you. Their feedback and remarks are valuable. If they share a concern that they have for you; pause, listen and evaluate.



#### By Ivan Khoo

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## **Prayer**Spotlight

## Prayer based on Psalm 25

- Give thanks to our Father that you can place your complete trust in him to keep you pure and holy. Pray that he will continue to guide you so you will wait for God and seek after his heart. (v2-3)
- 2. Pray that God will keep you from running after your own wisdom. May he keep your heart humbly and firmly upon his path as he teaches you his truth and embeds it into your soul more and more each day. (v4-5)
- 3. Pray that you will always be amazed each day by our Father's kind and generous provision of Jesus, who gave up His very life to bring forgiveness of sin and bring you into the kingdom of God. (v6-7, 10-11)
- 4. Pray that our Father will guard your heart, mind, soul, and body. May you always take refuge in God and put your hope in him. (v20-21)