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## The Condition

<sup>1</sup> The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?” <sup>2</sup> “Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. <sup>3</sup> “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’” <sup>4</sup> “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. <sup>5</sup> “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.” <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. <sup>8</sup> When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees.

**Genesis 3:1-8 (NLT)**

- We choose to believe the \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>16</sup> Then he said to the woman, “I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.” <sup>17</sup> And to the man he said, “Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed

because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. <sup>18</sup> It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return.”

**Genesis 3:16-19 (NLT)**

- Our natural inclination is to live by the \_\_\_\_\_.

## An Invitation to Freedom

<sup>18</sup> If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

**Proverbs 29:18 (MSG)**

- Focus on God’s \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. <sup>32</sup> And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

**John 8:31-32 (NLT)**

- Begin to live in the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the lies.

## My Next Step Today Is To...

- Memorize and or meditate on Proverbs 29:18
- Ask God to help me recognize the lies that have been setting the course of my life.
- Commit to take this journey toward real freedom.
- Give my life to God, by accepting Jesus’ and sacrifice for my brokenness.