

NORTH HILLS NOTES

LIFESTORY: GOD WEEPS

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A strange choice, a single bite, and pure innocence was gone. God must have known that man's free will could turn His greatest joy into His darkest nightmare. And it seemed such a little thing for the two humans at the time, something that could answer the insinuations of the smooth-talking creature, clarify the ambiguities, and bring about a heightened sense of self-importance and power. Instead, it only brought death.

A Terrible Beauty

"And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." Genesis 2:16, 17 (NIV)

The "S" Word

"At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves." Genesis 3:7 (NLT)

"You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we're in—first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death. That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone..." Romans 5:12, 13 (Message)

Paradise Lost

"The LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made." Genesis 3:23 (NLT)

A Great Sorrow

"Streams of tears flow from my eyes because my people are destroyed." Lamentations 3:48 (NIV)

"Then he said to them, 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death..." Matthew 26:38 (NIV)