SERMON NOTES

TOXIC DEFENSE MECHANISMS

GENESIS 3:8-15 FEBRUARY 23, 2025 SENIOR PASTOR TIM HARKNESS



| l | : Watch for times when you cover up in shame. | (8-10) |
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| II. | : Watch for times when you try to find a cause for | | | |
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| | your sin outside of yourself. (11-15) | | | |
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IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS KEY PASSAGE: GENESIS 3:8-15

| Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage? Hide: Watch for time when you cover up in shame; Blame: Watch for times when you try to find a cause for your sin outside of yourself. | | |
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| INFORM THE HEAD/STIR THE HEART | | |
| Please read Genesis 3:8-15 and answer the following questions: | | |
| 1. What happened to the relationship between Adam and Eve and God when they ate the fruit? | | |
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| 2. How did Adam and Eve's response to God reflect a. Pride? | | |
| b. Shame? | | |
| 3. How did Adam and Eve choose to shift blame when they were caught in their sin? Why are we tempted to blame-shift? | | |
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| 4. | What do you learn about the effectiveness of hiding and blame-shifting in verses 16-17 |
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| 5. | What veiled hope is given for the answer to our sin in verse 15? |
| 6. | How does this passage shine a spotlight on God's mercy? What about His all-sufficient grace? |
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CHALLENGE THE WILL

Based on what you learned in Sunday's message and in your study time, what is one measurable thing you will go after this week in your walk with Christ?

WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, February 24 // James 1:12-25
Be Doers of the Word

Tuesday, February 25 // Jeremiah 23:23-32 No Hiding from God

Wednesday, February 26 // Matthew 7:1-12
Get the Rod Out of Your Eye

Thursday, February 27 // Job 40:1-14 Dress for Action

Friday, February 28 // 2 Kings 6:8-23