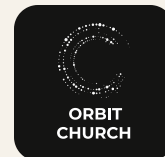


Same Struggle, Different Shape

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Genesis 3

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

Anxiety about AI is the newest version of a very old pattern. Pastor Matt went back to the beginning to show it. Genesis puts creation under human authority and human beings under God's authority, and every new tool since, farming, the printing press, the phone, has been usable for God's glory or twisted for something else. The problems we blame on technology are older than the technology. Spiritual laziness, concentrated power, and thinned-out relationships all predate the machine. AI is a thing. How it gets used is a choice. And the instruction that answers the whole subject is Paul's: take every thought captive.

To get started

- What new technology has changed your daily habits the most, for better or worse?

Looking back at the message

Some in the room are genuinely anxious about this. Do not dismiss the anxiety, but keep the frame on authority.

- 1 Pastor Matt said people give AI more authority than it deserves. Where do you see people treating it as more than a tool?
- 2 Pastor Matt traced one pattern from the fruit in Eden through farming, printing, and phones, all the way to AI: every tool can glorify God or get twisted. Does that long view calm the current worry or not?
- 3 Pastor Matt said it is easier to blame the newest technology for our problems than to live in the authority God gave us over creation. Do you think that is fair? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read Genesis 1:26-28, then Genesis 3:1-7, then Romans 1:25. The three together are the argument.

- 4 Read Genesis 1:26-28. What authority are human beings given, and whose authority do they sit under?
- 5 Read Genesis 3:1-7. What does the serpent offer, and what order of authority gets flipped upside down?
- 6 Read Romans 1:25. Paul describes an exchange. What gets traded for what?
- 7 Read 2 Corinthians 10:5. What does Paul say to take captive, and notice the word every. What does that scope demand? OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

The application is practical and personal, not a policy debate about technology.

- 8 Where has a tool started shaping you rather than the other way around?
- 9 Take every thought captive applies to thoughts from your own head, from books, and from chatbots alike. Which incoming thoughts do you never stop to examine?
- 10 Where has convenience made you spiritually lazy?
- 11 What is something you currently just consume that you could start using for God's purposes? OPTIONAL

The group together

Thinned-out relationships are the quiet cost. This group is part of the answer to that.

- 12 How have screens changed the relationships of the people in this room?
- 13 What would it look like to use technology to deepen connection instead of replacing it?
- 14 Who do you know who is genuinely afraid about AI, and what would you say to them after this message?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What is one tool in your life you will start using on purpose rather than by habit?

You might pray about

- For discernment about what shapes our thinking
- For people who are anxious about the future
- For authority exercised under God rather than apart from him