

# Problems in Paradise

## Genesis 3

*From Shameless communication... (Genesis 2:25)*  
*To shameful excommunication (Genesis 3:24)*

### A home is headed for trouble when:

#### 1. Satan shows up; don't listen.

- He is present (v. 1)
  
- He is persuasive (v. 1)
  
- He is powerful
  
- His tools are:
  - Doubt (v. 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - Denial (v. 4) \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - Deception (v. 4) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Self stands up; don't trust yourself.

- Eve considered what Satan said (vs. 1,4-6)
  
- Eve changed what God had said (v. 2)

- Eve coveted what Satan offered (v. 6)
  
- Eve concluded that God was withholding good things from her (v. 5)

1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

#### 3. Someone gives up (v. 6b); don't excuse yourself.

- a) Adam gave up clear communication (v. 2:16)
  
- b) Adam gave up constant protection (3:1)
  
- c) Adam gave up on consistent leadership (6b)

### Ruthless consequences of role refusal:

- 1) We begin to feel shame (v. 7)
  
- 2) We begin to cast blame (vs. 12-13)
  
- 3) We begin to live with pain (vs. 16-19)
  
- 4) We damage God's name  
Ephesians 5:32 "I speak of Christ and his Church."
  
- 5) Praise the Lord that God's grace was there from the beginning!  
Gen 3:8-9 Adam Where are you?