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ORIGINS: Unearthing Our Spiritual Roots

“All in the same boat” Genesis 2:9,16 and 3:1-13,21

Every day we make hundreds of choices. Some are insignificant, like whether or not to put salt on your potato. Others have a greater bearing on our lives, such as deciding how to spend your free time—or your money. Then there are some choices that have the potential to impact life in profound ways.

Adam and Eve made one of those choices. God offered them the world—literally—and they turned it aside for an experience that had more appeal than substance. The result was that their world came crashing down. Rejecting God’s will always does that. The sad thing is, though we know all about their story, ours isn’t much different. We all find ourselves in the same boat. The good news is that in His grace, God gives us another monumental choice—we can either stay in or get out of the boat.

>Trust is Tested through _____ Genesis 2:9,16

- I demonstrate trust when I have a choice to make, and I say “_____!” to God.
- I trust when I obey despite having incomplete _____.
- I trust when I know that God’s prohibitions are for my _____.

“...those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.” (Psalm 34:10)

“...no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.” (Psalm 84:11)

Like Adam and Eve, I have been given a trust test.

>Choice is Influenced by _____ Genesis 3:1-6

- There is a _____ that urges me to say “No!” to God. (Matthew 16:21-23; Revelation 12:9)
- Temptation will always cause me to question God’s _____ and _____.
- The apparent gain _____ my thinking.

Like Adam and Eve, I have _____ the test.

>Sin is Overcome by _____ Genesis 3:7-13

- When I fail to trust, I am filled with _____ and _____.
- My attempts to _____ and _____ my sin are futile.
- Only _____ can provide the solution for my sin. (Genesis 3:21)

Like Adam and Eve, I have been provided a _____.

>A Second Trust Test

God offers the solution to our bad choices through making another choice—the choice to _____ Jesus Christ as the forgiver of my sin and Lord of my life.

Is my choice “Yes!” or “No!”?