

**Sermon Notes**  
**Week of Sunday, April 26**  
**WIRED - Man Card**  
**Genesis 3 (ESV)**

**Speaker: Lead Pastor - Mark Saunders**



**How can a man know when he is outside God's wiring?**

**A. He is passively selfish.**

**1. He dismisses the Plan.**

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." - Genesis 2:16

**2. He allows the wrong.**

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. - Genesis 3:6

**3. He hides the shame.**

7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. 8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." - Genesis 3:7-10

**4. He points the finger.**

11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." - Genesis 3:11-12

**B. He is aggressively selfish.**

**1. He dominates those in his care.**

16 To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." - Genesis 3:16

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## 2. He seeks vengeance on those in his way.

6 The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.” 8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. - Genesis 4:6-8

## 3. He ends up dead.

17 And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; you shall eat of it all the days of your life; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Genesis 3:17-19

## How can a man get back inside God’s wiring?

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. - Ephesians 2:1-10

# Life Group Study Notes

Week of Sunday, April 26

Based on Sermon: Man Wiring

Spend some time answering these questions before going to your Life Group.

Haven't found a Life Group yet? Contact Jon Weaver at [jweaver@baylife.org](mailto:jweaver@baylife.org) to get more information and find out how to join!



## Getting Started

1. How has sin affected the good things in life?
2. What do you wish you could change about yourself? Why? What keeps you from making these changes?
3. Read Genesis 3:6-16. Things are not always as they seem. Often, evil appears good and good appears evil. How are you to distinguish between truth and Satan's lies?
4. How does sin affect our ability to live in the roles in which God has placed us? Men, how do you discipline yourself to obey the truth of God's Word as you lead your families and others?

5. How do you wish you were like God? To what measures would you go to gain the knowledge necessary to achieve this?

6. With the knowledge you have at your fingertips, do you think you would have been able to resist the temptation to eat of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden? What forbidden thing have you succumbed to recently? What made you weak?

7. Read 1 Corinthians 10:11-13. When you are tempted, do you search for a way out, or do you linger too long in the moment? Take an assessment of your life and habits. Make a list of places where you are tempted and have a tendency to give into Satan's lies. Lift those up in prayer this week.

### **Digging Deeper**

What are ways you tend to be sinfully passive or selfishly aggressive? Share those tendencies with someone who can hold you accountable to these things. Read James 1:5-18. Seek God's wisdom this week as you navigate the forbidden things of life.

