



## Brittle Beliefs

### The Breakdown of Belief

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<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," <sup>3</sup> but God did say, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die."

<sup>4</sup> "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" **Genesis 3:1-9, NIV**

"\_\_\_\_\_?!" The \_\_\_\_\_ that sets the heart-tone for the breakdown of belief.

<sup>8</sup> Mockers stir up a city, but the wise turn away anger. <sup>9</sup> If a wise person goes to court with a fool, the fool rages and scoffs, and there is no peace. **Proverbs 29:8-9, NIV**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take, or sit in the company of mockers. **Psalms 1:1, NIV**

<sup>44</sup> You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. **John 8:44, NIV**

"No, here's what's \_\_\_\_\_ happening." The lie that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the mind from God.

<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **Ephesians 6:11, NIV**

<sup>22</sup> "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!" **Matthew 6:22-23, NIV**

The \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ eyes settle on an object of desire and the \_\_\_\_\_ determines the next actions.

<sup>8</sup> The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. **1 John 3:8, NIV**

<sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. **Luke 19:10, NIV**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. We hide in \_\_\_\_\_, while God seeks us in \_\_\_\_\_.

### MEMORY VERSE

<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **Ephesians 6:11, NIV**

**My next step:** I have protection from Satan's snarkiness and lying. I will armor myself with the truths of God's word and the relentlessly seeking love of Jesus.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

## Impact Group – Brittle Beliefs

### The Breakdown of Belief

**Breaking the Ice:** If you were a super hero, what would your extraordinary power be and/or what would your name be?

**Prayer Time: Read Psalm 19** to set the tone for prayer. Each person write down ideas for the categories below. Use your thoughts as a basis for prayer.

**For each category Thank and Ask God for something**

2 Spiritual gifts and 1 physical gift for yourself.

2 Spiritual gifts and 1 physical gift for someone else.

2 thanks and 1 ask for CrossWalk

2 thanks and 1 ask for Laveen.

You will have 16 things to include in your prayer. Write them below and break into groups of 4 to pray including each of these things you wrote down in your prayer.

### **Back to Sunday**

### **Read Genesis 3:1-7**

This portion was obviously a “fail” when it came to belief. There was a breakdown in belief. Below are some quotes from these verses, explain how these words help us understand Adam and Eve’s temptation as well as the temptations we face today.

*Did God really say?*

*You will not certainly die.*

*You will be like God.*

*When the woman saw . . . good for food, pleasing to eye, desirable for gaining wisdom, she took and ate*

*Gave to her husband, who was with her*

**Confession of sins** – set a 2 minute timer. Individually say a silent prayer of confession, asking God for forgiveness.

**Forgiveness of Sins** – Turn to Isaiah 53. Have the Leader of the group read Isaiah 53:1-6. Assure everyone in your group that through Jesus their sins are forgiven.

### **Living as a Child of God.**

### **Read Psalm 1:1-3**

Using this Psalm as a guide. Have your group make a list of things to *AVOID* to fight temptation. And a list of things to *DO* to fight temptation in their lives.

### **Avoid**

### **DO**

**Close with a prayer** – Leader close with a prayer asking God’s protection and the power of Holy Spirit in our fight against sin.

\*\*\* If time permits – start talking about ideas for your impact project!!!

**Also, volunteer for the Laveen BBQ if you haven’t yet!**