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Week 5: The Art of Deception

Monday, March 3, 2025
Genesis 3

Weekly Overview:

Perhaps one of the most significant chapters in the bible is Genesis 3, where we read that the world is introduced to sin. It is important to note that sin enters the world in a specific way, through deception. Since the beginning of time deception has been the enemy's avenue to bring sin into our lives and thousands of years later that has not changed. How can we look back at the story of Genesis 3 and learn from the strategy of the enemy, the ways that Adam and Eve fell short, and understand the consequences of sin, so that we may build ourselves up to battle the deception in our lives today that may lead to sin. This message will also set the stage for Ash Wednesday as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the only thing that can ultimately conquer sin; the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

For Your Own Spiritual Walk

1. How do you identify areas in your own life where deception may be influencing your thoughts or actions?
2. Reflect on a time when you faced temptation. What lessons can you learn from Genesis 3 to help you resist similar deceptions in the future?
3. How can you cultivate a deeper awareness of God's truth in your life to combat the lies that may lead to sin?

For Your Work Life and Relationships

1. In what ways can you create a culture of honesty and transparency within your workplace to counteract deception?
2. How can the insights from Genesis 3 inform your approach to handling conflicts or misunderstandings with colleagues?
3. What steps can you take to encourage open conversations about integrity and trust among your team members?

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For Your Interactions With Students

1. How can you guide students to recognize and confront deception in their own lives?
2. What strategies can you employ to help students understand the consequences of sin and the importance of accountability in their actions?
3. How can you foster an environment where students feel safe discussing their struggles with temptation and deception, leading them toward the hope found in Jesus?

How is this resource working for you? How is God using it to form you? Are there ways we can improve it? How can we pray for you? If you've got questions or thoughts, we invite you to be in touch with us. Send us an email at:

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