

Genesis 3:9-21

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

Genesis 3:15

MEMORY VERSE

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” Genesis 3:15

Falling Sin

Read Genesis 3:9-21.

I imagine Adam and Eve began to feel the effects of their covenant failure almost immediately. As God walked through the garden, He called out to Adam. And where was Adam? Hiding, naked and ashamed, trying to cover himself with temporary coverings that would never make right what he had done. As God began to question Adam to bring him to a place of brokenness and confession, Adam merely passed blame on to Eve and even tried to implicate God by calling Eve “the woman you gave me.” The serpent and the ground were cursed, and judgment was passed on Adam and Eve. In the midst of a sure death, the grace of God shined. He did not require their lives immediately but was true to His longsuffering, merciful nature. In a final act of covenant faithfulness, God made clothes for them

from animal skins, a beautiful picture of the blood sacrifice necessary for the atonement of sin.

As you lead your family, you will fail. This is a certainty. Take heart that in the midst of those failures that while consequences and discipline will occur, God’s mercy will be ever-present. Look forward to His correction—because it leads to refinement and restoration.

Give this some prayer:

What are some areas in your family right now where someone is not taking responsibility for sin? Is there a “blame game” going on in your household?

Pray that God would lead as you lead your family to trust His covenant faithfulness. Pray He’ll help you trust Him to cover your hidden, naked, shameful, fearful selves in His righteousness.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL TIME

Connect . . .

Work together to set up dominos along the kitchen table about 1/2 inch apart in a design. Decide who gets to knock them down. **Read:** When you touch one domino, they all fall down. Can you stop them from falling? Yes, if you put something in the way to stop them.

Explore . . .

Read Genesis 3:9-21. **Read:** Adam started the dominos of sin falling. The grace of God and the forgiveness He offers us through Christ is the only thing that can stop the dominos of sin from falling.

Each family member share about how you have seen God work in your life to forgive you from your fall from sin.

Transform . . .

Discuss: Is there sin that I am keeping in my heart that I have not confessed to God? **Read:** Just as God sought out Adam in the garden, He seeks out sinners even today. Our only response is to fall down at the mercy of the Father, admitting our failure and asking Him to clothe us.

*Pray together that your home would be one where sin can be openly admitted and lovingly corrected.
Pray that God would teach you His grace as well as His discipline.*