

The Jesus Trip — “Two Trees”

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The Bible was not given to man so that he could fix his story.

The Bible is His story and how you can find your place in it.

You don't find 10 steps to a better life in the Bible. You get to read about a God who through His Son took 10,000 steps to get to you.

The Bible isn't mainly about you and what you should be doing. It's about God and what he has done.

It is a book about Jesus. Get a revelation of how much He loves you and realize who you are in Him.

Luke 24:27 *“And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.”*

Genesis 6:14 “Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it ***inside and outside with pitch.***”
kawfar:—to cover, purge, make an **atonement**, make reconciliation.

Genesis 11:6-7 *“Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.”*

Genesis 14:18-20 *“Melchizedek **king of Salem** brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High,... And he gave him a **tithe** of all.”*

Genesis 17:7 *“And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an **everlasting covenant**, to be God to you and your descendants after you.”*

Genesis 2:7 *“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”* **I am animated by the very breath of God!!!**

Genesis 1:28 NKJV *“Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and **subdue it**; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*
TLV *“Be fruitful and multiply, fill the land, and conquer it.”*

“Subdue” (kabash) :— conquer, subjugate, bring into bondage, force, keep under, subdue, bring into subjection.

Kibosh :— to eliminate, terminate **“Put the Kibosh on that!”**

Genesis 2:15 *“Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.”*

“Keep It” Shamar:— to keep, guard, keep watch and ward, protect, save life and protect ...

What are they guarding against? God's Enemies. We were placed into an active situation!!!

Mankind is a part of the eternal purpose of God to once and for all put the KIBOSH on all evil and guard against it's intrusion!!! **The devil wasn't going to just sit back and let this happen ... He attacked God's plan right away.**

The Kingdom of God is eternal but DOMINION is generational.

Acts 13:36 *“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep,...”*

Psalms 115:16 *“The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.”*

Galatians 5:16 (AMP) *“But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).”*

Galatians 5:25 (AMP) *“If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.]”*

Luke 4:1 (AMP) *“Then Jesus, full of and controlled by the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led in [by] the [Holy] Spirit” (NKJV)* *“Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan...”*

“...full of the Holy Spirit and controlled by Him.” (AMP)

Peter Acts 4:8 **Stephen** Acts 7:55 **Barnabas** Acts 11:24 **Paul** Acts 13:9

Filled with, Full of, Controlled by :— (Stoicheo stoy-kheh'-o) to properly, walk in line, in strict accordance to a particular pace, to march in (military) rank (keep step).

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Gen 2:16-17 *“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”*

Genesis 3:4 *“Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God, knowing good and evil.**”*

“Original sin” was eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. **The sin of pursuing LIFE (our identity, worth, significance and security) for ourselves. An attempt to know what only God can rightly know.**

Satan’s challenge to Adam and Eve was, don’t you want to be Godly, knowing right and wrong?

The fruit of self was introduced to mankind. INDEPENDENCE

We have the ability to now determine what is right and wrong. We will self govern! **MORALISM**

Genesis 3:7-8 *“Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,...”*

“...and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.”

God is going to kill us!? They instead became **accusers** of God, themselves and each other. **Wages of sin death.**

Authentic Christianity is about union and communion with God.

Knowledge of Good and Evil was prohibited: They didn’t have it! They didn’t need it! They were corrupted by it!

Religion is a moralistic way of living and viewing life. Behaviour modification Sin management

God did not in any way change because they ate of the Tree of Knowledge.

Man Changed!!! His view Of Himself Changed His View Of Others Changed His View Of God Changed

Genesis 3:10 *“Where are you?” So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”* **F** ear — I don’t trust you. **I** gnorance — I don’t know you. **G** uilt — I’m no good.

The Gospel Genesis 3:15 “He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.” **JESUS “HE”.. SEED**

Genesis 3:21 “Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.” **Blood was shed!** **Hebrews 9:7** “...not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people’s sins”

The choice remains for every person: Who do I trust?

Who is in CONTROL? God doesn’t want to control you.

He wants union and communion with you. He is your source!

1 Corinthians 6:17 “But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.”

Genesis 3:22,24 “... man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, **and live forever**’ ... So He drove out the man; ...and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.”

Morgan Guyton

So we should not be pursuing the knowledge of good and evil when we read the Bible; that’s eating the same fruit that Adam and Eve ate. Instead we should be reading the Bible to discover the love of God that makes us more loving.

Sadly, too many Christians want knowledge rather than love because knowledge gives us a feeling of power. It makes us think we can be like God, exactly what the serpent tricked Eve into believing.

But knowledge itself, even perfect knowledge of good and evil, has no power to make us like God at all. It is love that makes us like God, and only God can be the origin of love; we can only be its recipients and conduits.

Genesis 5:3 “And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image,...”

John 17:20-23 “...that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one...”