



- Have you made one mistake in your life that has defined how others perceive you completely?
 - Eve did.
 - She was deceived by the Serpent — a direct and personal attack by Satan
 - Could you have withstood that?
 - Although also called “the mother of all living”
 - An beautiful appellation we probably don’t mention enough.
 - Does it mean more than just she was the first to give birth?

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Genesis 1:27



- 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them.
- 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
- Woman is created in the image of God, just like man.



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- What does God mean by "helper"?



- Genesis 3:1-7

- Serpent — Satan, Devil

- Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—
 - Revelation 20:2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years

Deceived



- 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.
- He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”
- 2 And the woman said to the serpent,
 - “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,
 - 3 but God said, You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden,
 - neither shall you touch it,
 - lest you die.”

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- 4 But the serpent said to the woman,
 - “You will not surely die.
 - 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened,
 - and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”
- 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.

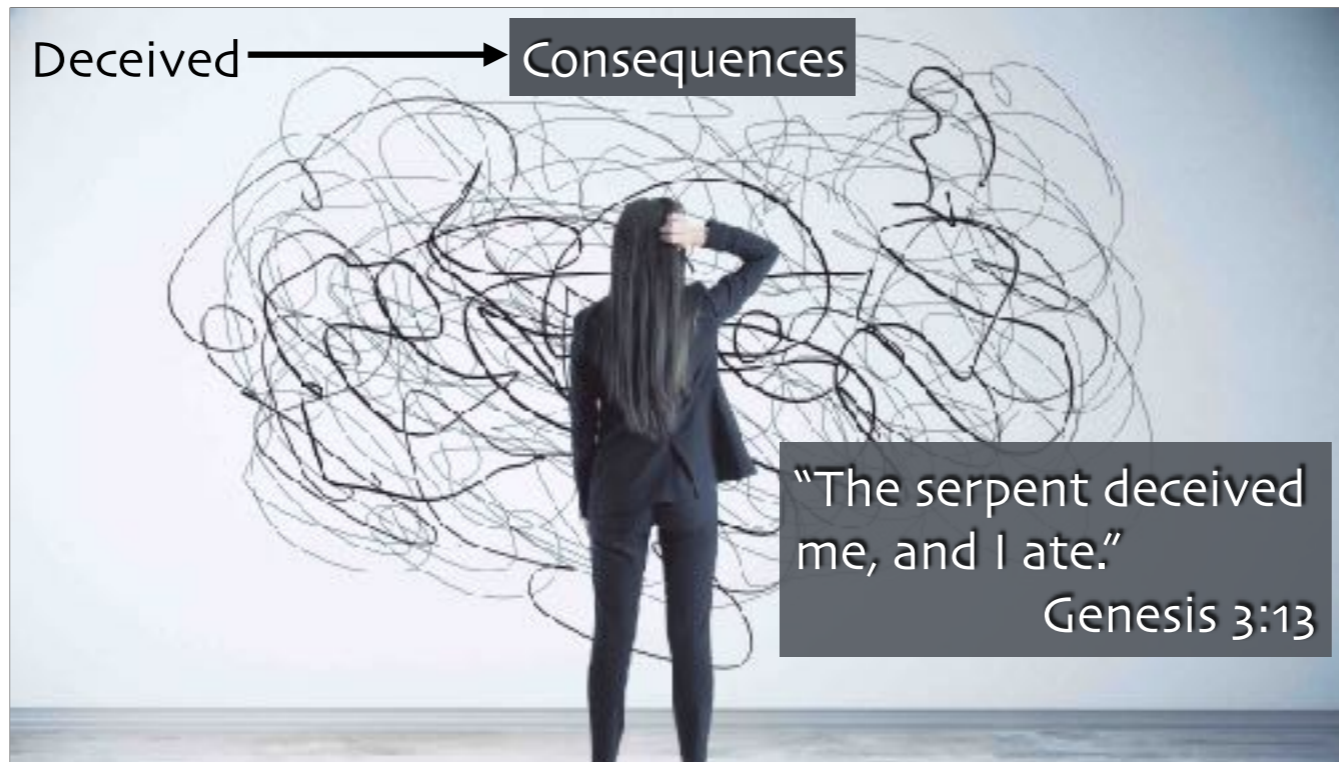
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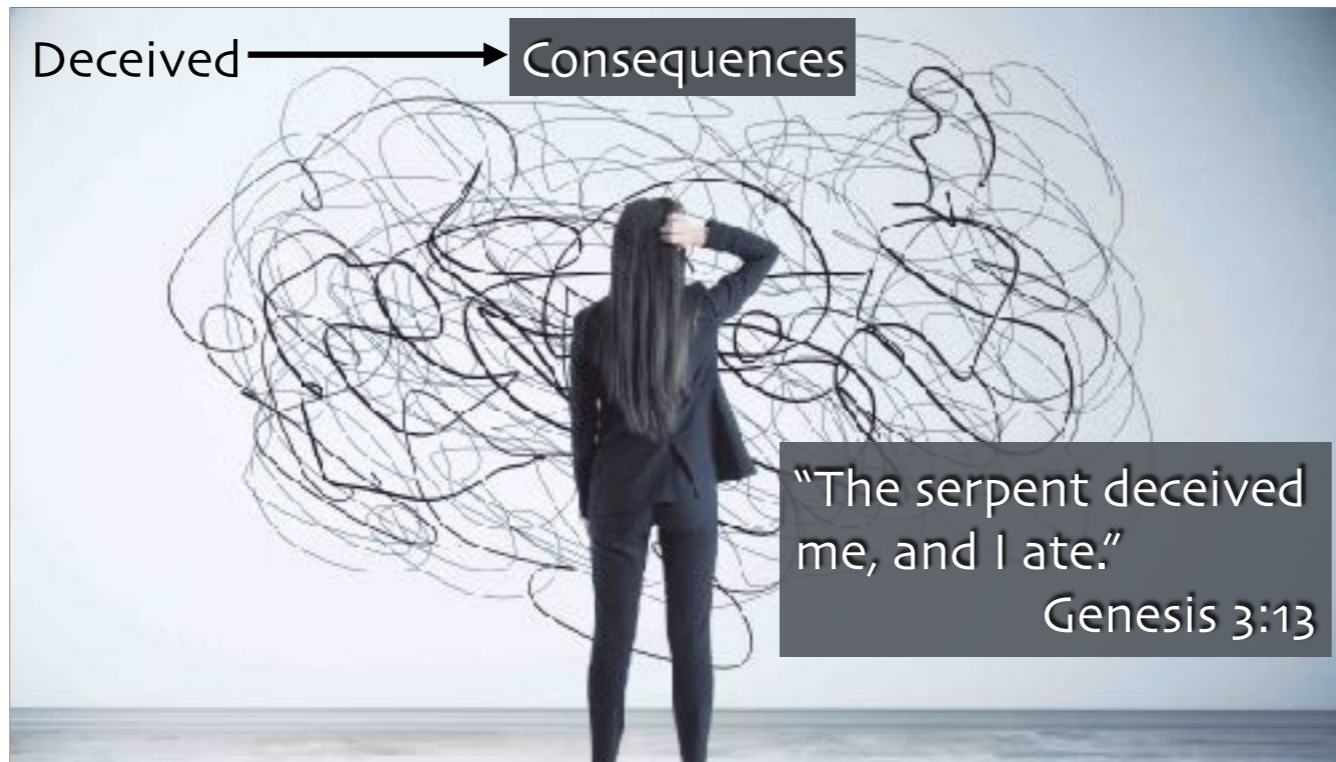
- 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.



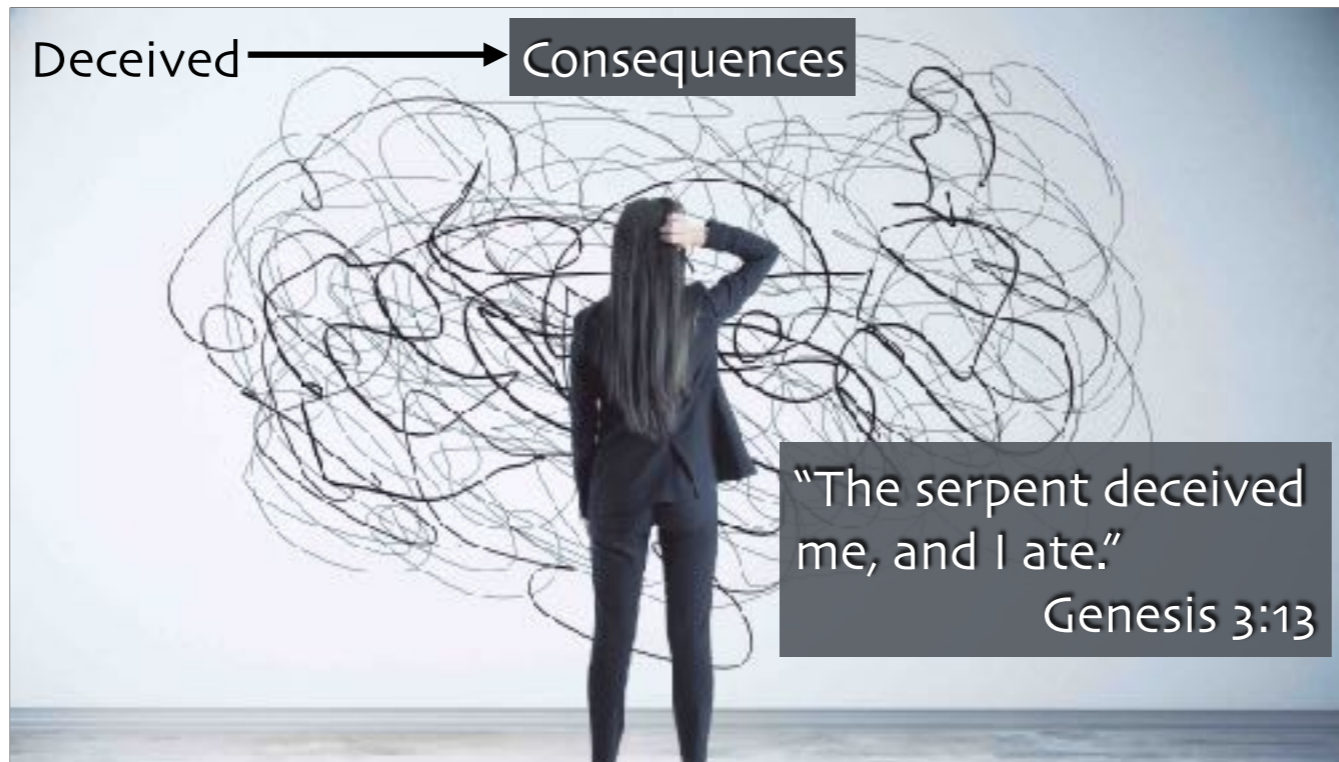
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- Genesis 3:13 (ESV) 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”
 - The honesty of her response is really important to note.



- There's an aspect of blame
 - James 1:13-15 (ESV) 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.
 - Eve doesn't blame God (Adam did though, indirectly)
 - Genesis 3:12 (ESV) 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."



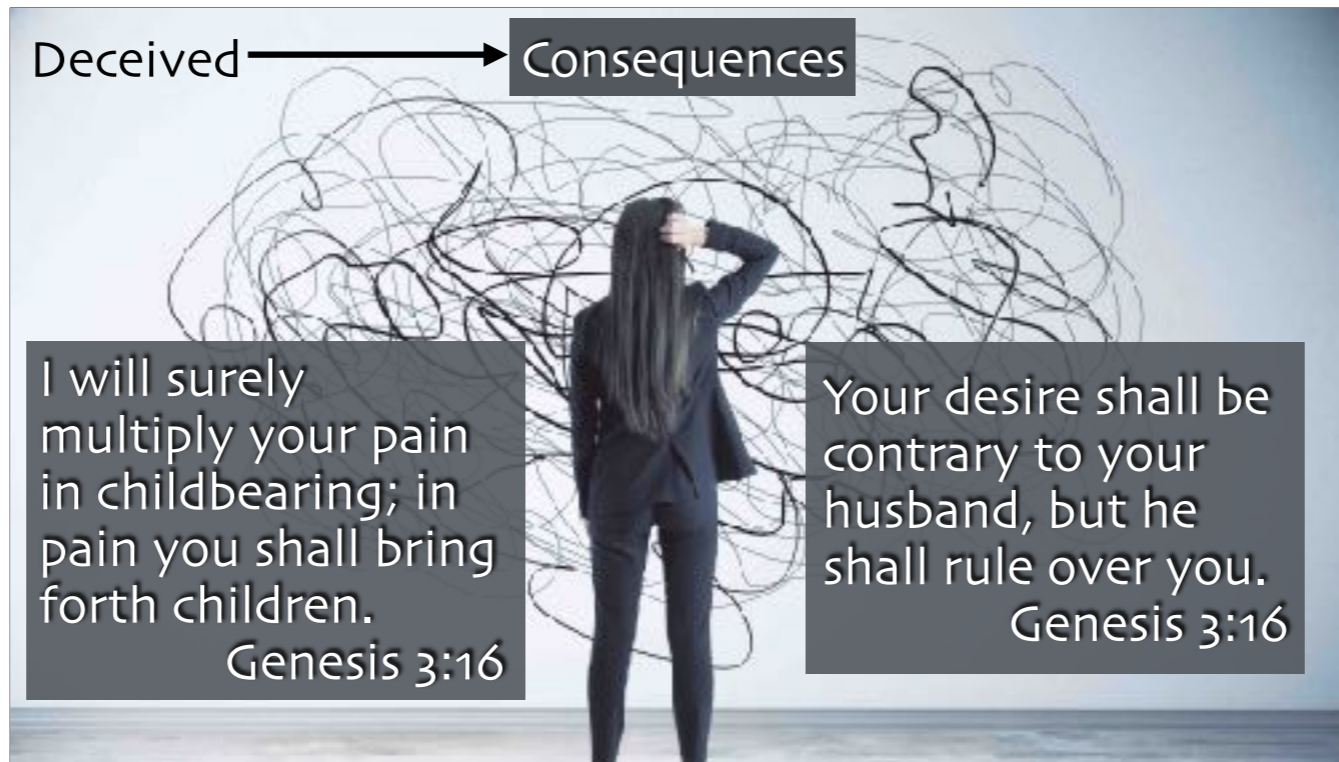
- 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.
 - Eve recognizes the source of lure, where the deceit begins.
 - Satan didn't make her eat.
 - "I ate" ... honest.
 - You will be like God, knowing good and evil
 - good for food
 - delight to the eyes
 - desired to make one wise



- Genesis 3:16 (ESV) 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 contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”
- The first is pretty obvious.



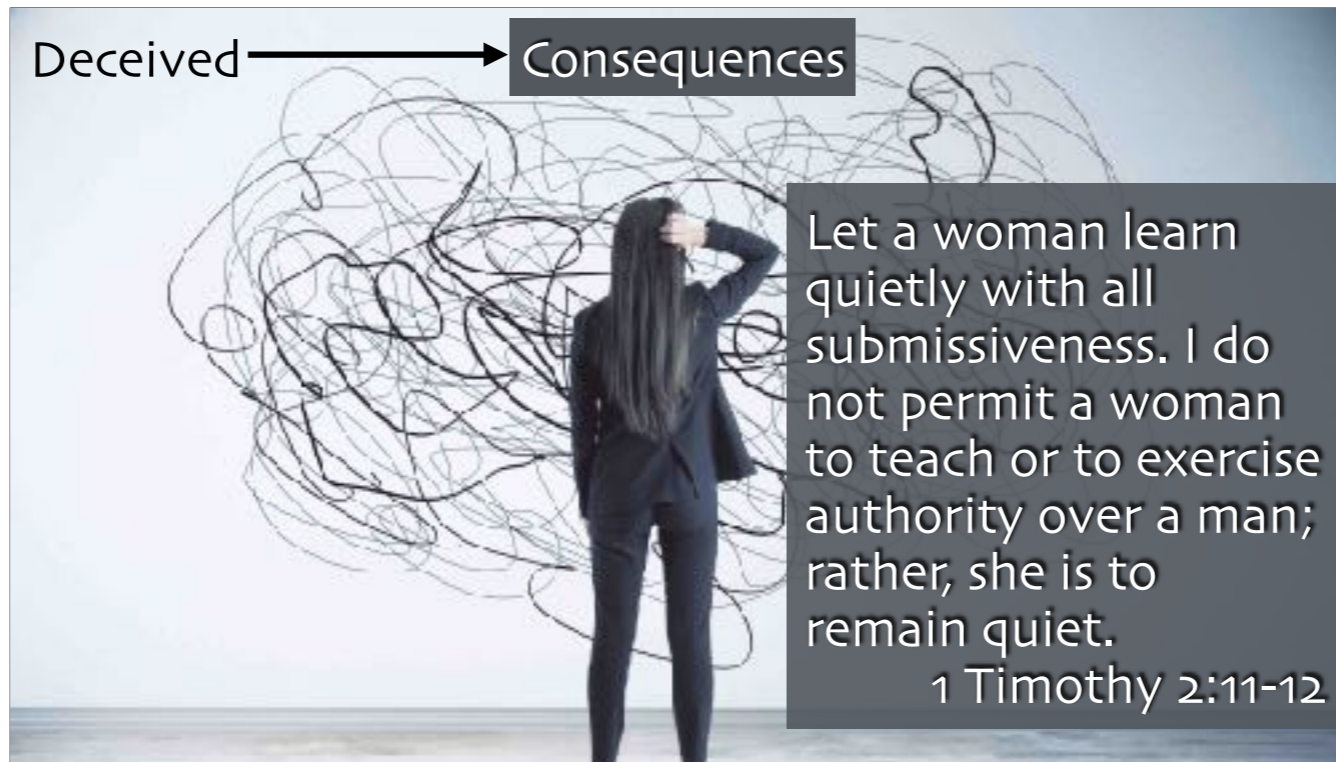
- The second indicates that there will be struggles in the relationship between a husband and wife.
 - Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.
 - The concept of being united will always be a struggle for both husband and wife.
 - Husbands like to focus on being the head,
 - but they are told to love (Ephesians 5:25)
 - Which is a reminder about being the SAVIOR.



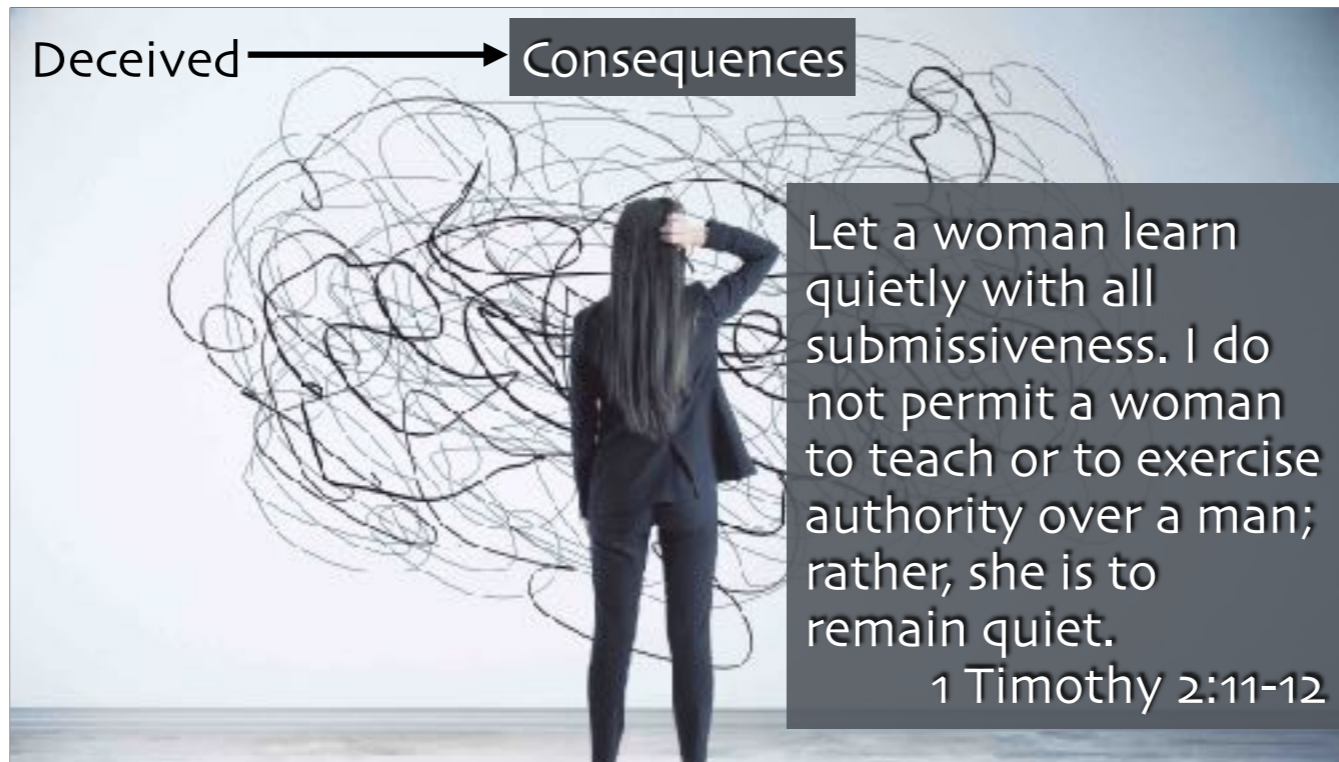
- Wives are taught to submit.
 - And many chafe at just saying that.
 - Not without reason because of how they have seen some men treat women (wives, daughters, mothers, generally)
 - And often men like to focus on that, shaming their wives into meeting cultural standards that have nothing to do with God's word.



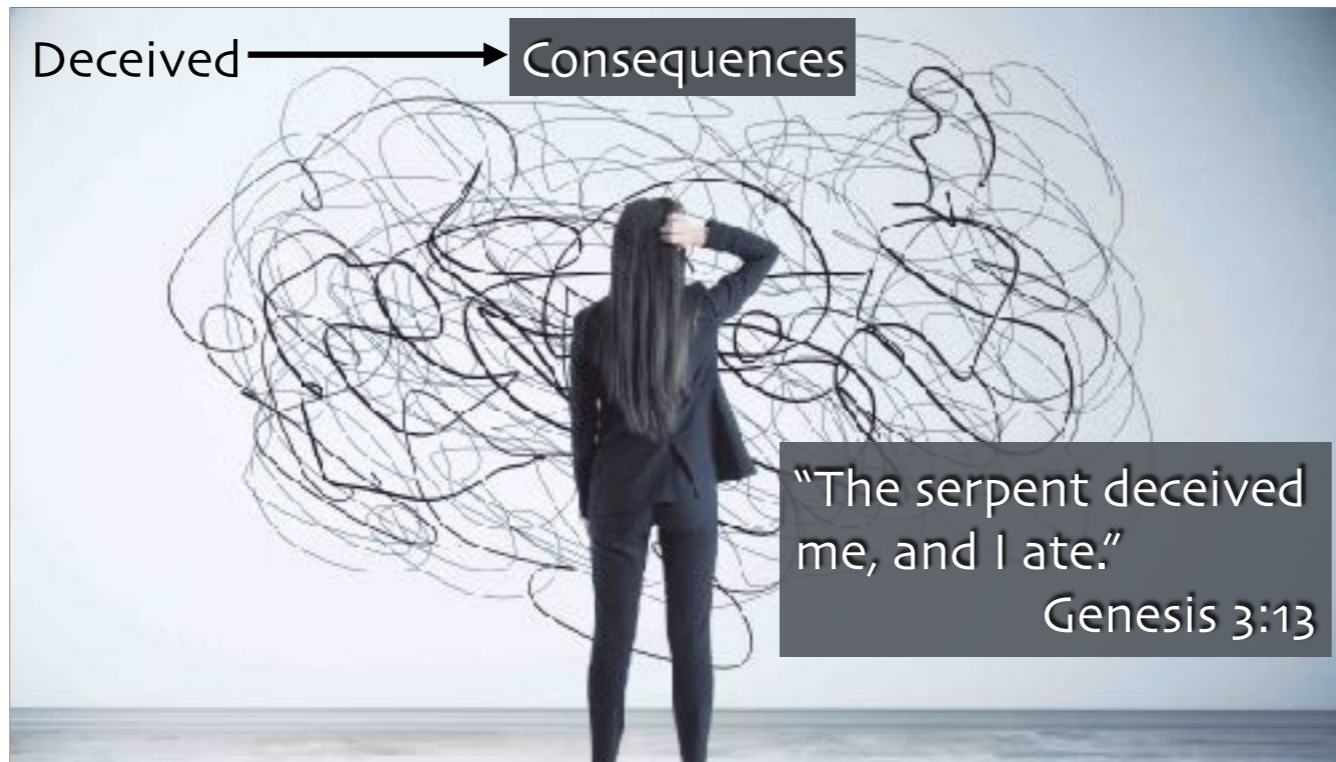
- The point is, however we look at these, the consequences of Eve's sin are significant.
- Hosea 6:7 But like Adam they transgressed the covenant; there they dealt faithlessly with me.
 - This was not just breaking a random law
 - It was about not trusting in Jehovah.



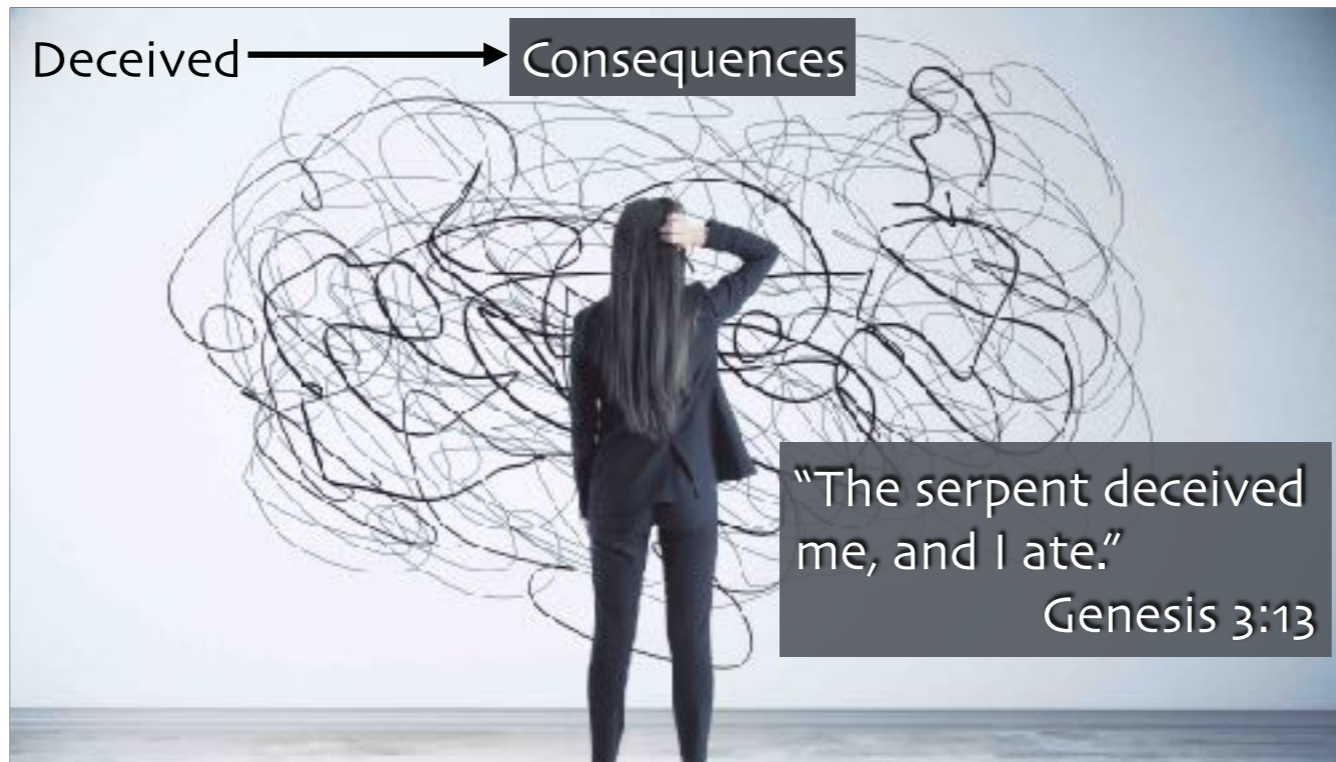
- Paul amplified this, maybe, mentioning Eve's deception and the consequences (kind of)
- 1 Timothy 2:11-15 (ESV) 11 Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve; 14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. 15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.



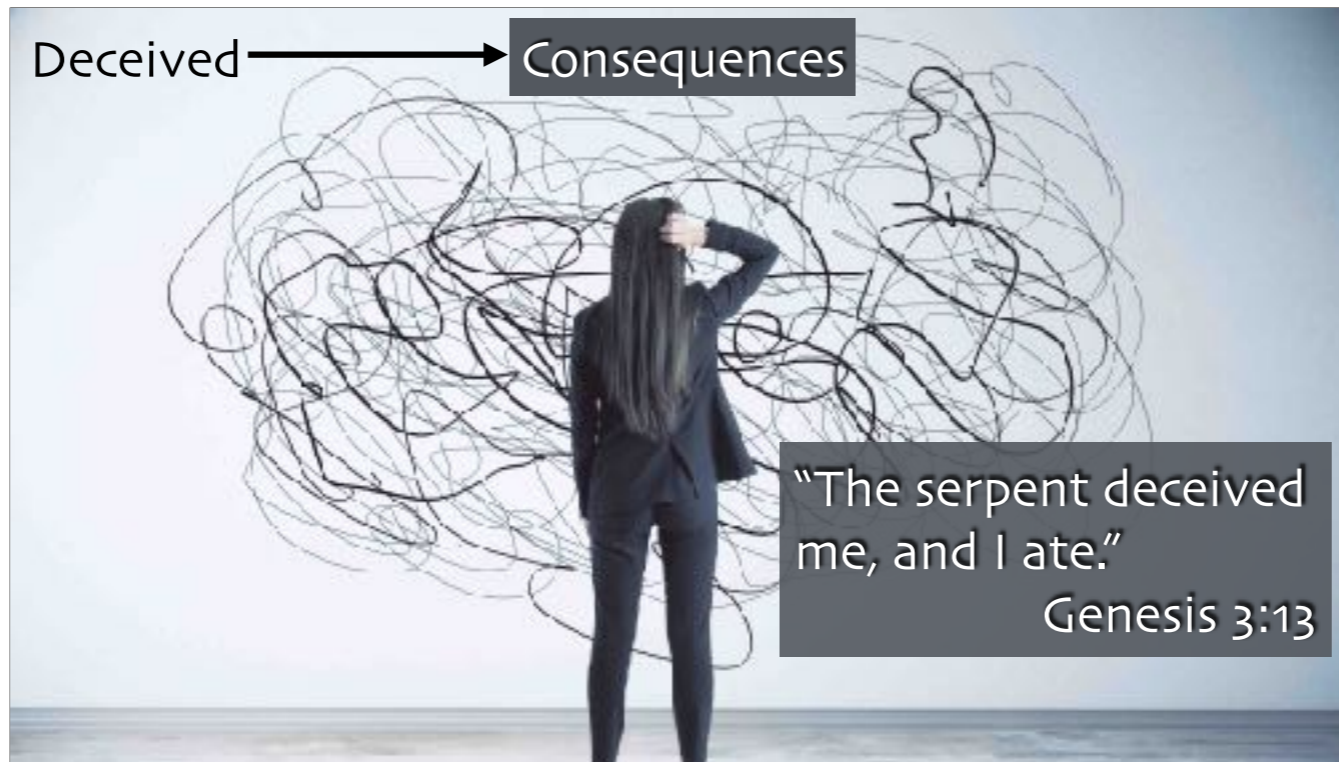
- Adam formed first — but needed a lesson that it was not good for him to be alone.
 - That's not on Eve
- Eve was deceived and became transgressor
 - But so was Adam (Romans 5:12, 14)
- Paul saw consequences that still impact women today in the assembly of the church. (I don't exactly follow all of this verse, not easy)
 - I do not permit a woman to teach
 - exercise authority over a man
- Our focus is on Eve ... not just consequences.



- Deceived:
 - Genesis 3:13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." Let's give some credit to Eve
 - None of us have been so directly tempted by Satan.
 - Jesus was and he withstood.
 - David was "incited" and caved
 - 1 Chronicles 21:1 Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel.



- He was subtle and cunning and had her thinking completely differently about herself and God with just a few words
- And whether she realized it or not, she was being unfaithful to her creator.
- All of us have been tempted, deceived and sinned
 - without being directly confronted by Satan.
 - Do you somehow think that you wouldn't have been deceived?
 - If so, you may be overestimating your own strength.
 - Or underestimating the persuasive power of Satan.
 - Because we've all sinned.



- This is the heart of being deceived
 - we put up with it.
 - We listen to the voice
 - Perhaps noting the contradiction
 - We see what like Eve saw that the fruit was good
 - We delight in what they have said: be like God
 - We desire to be wise: knowing good and evil



- Eve reminds us that any of us can fall to temptation
 - Satan tempts us with cunning
 - Beware, we have all been deceived.
 - And we will be tempted again.
- Seek God's help instead of questioning him
 - Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



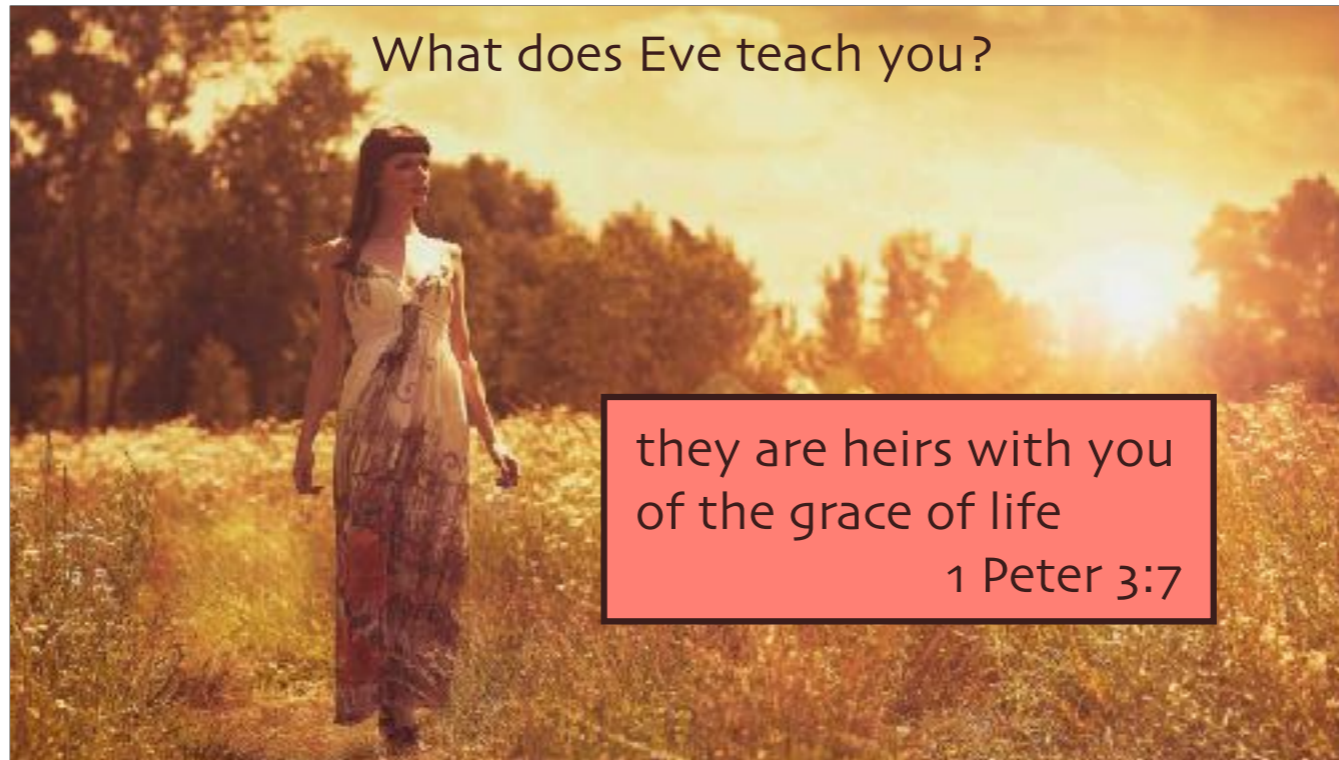
- Watch and Pray
 - Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
- Endure
 - 1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV) 13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.



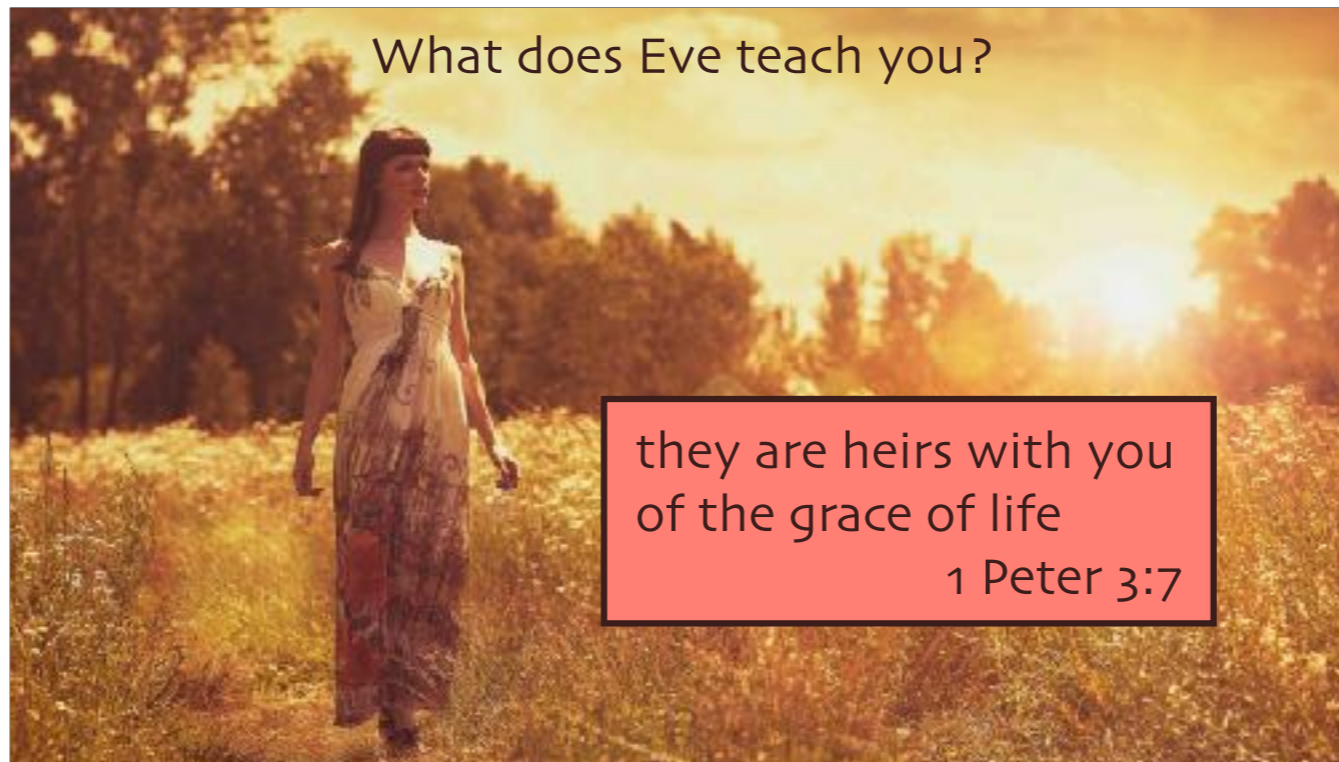
- Genesis 3:20 The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
- Without Eve, there's no me. (but there's more)
- God's grace and mercy are on display as Adam and Eve go out of the garden to live their lives: they have sinned, but they are clothed.
- God's love was with them still and they have children
 - Genesis 4:1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD."
 - She has returned to Jehovah.
 - There is mercy and grace and forgiveness
- What a blessing that we have Eve.



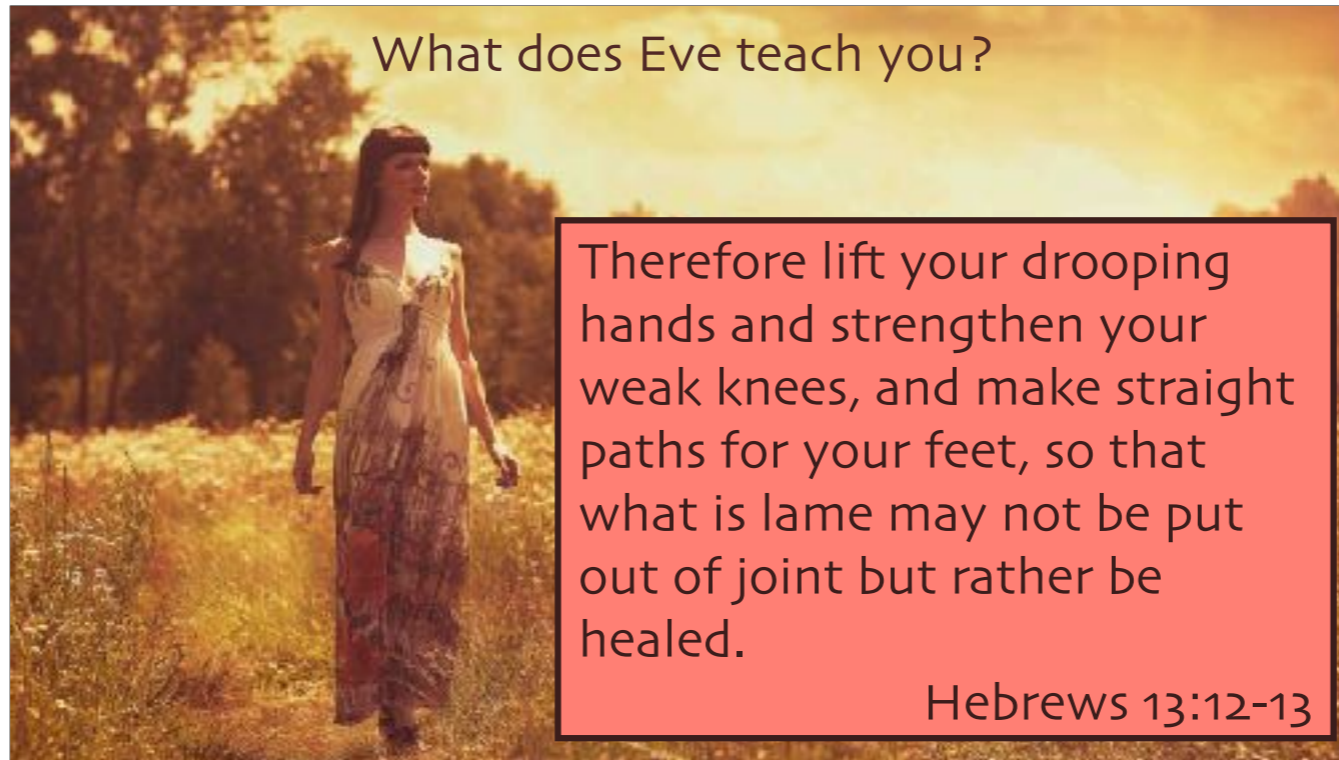
- Some thoughts on Eve



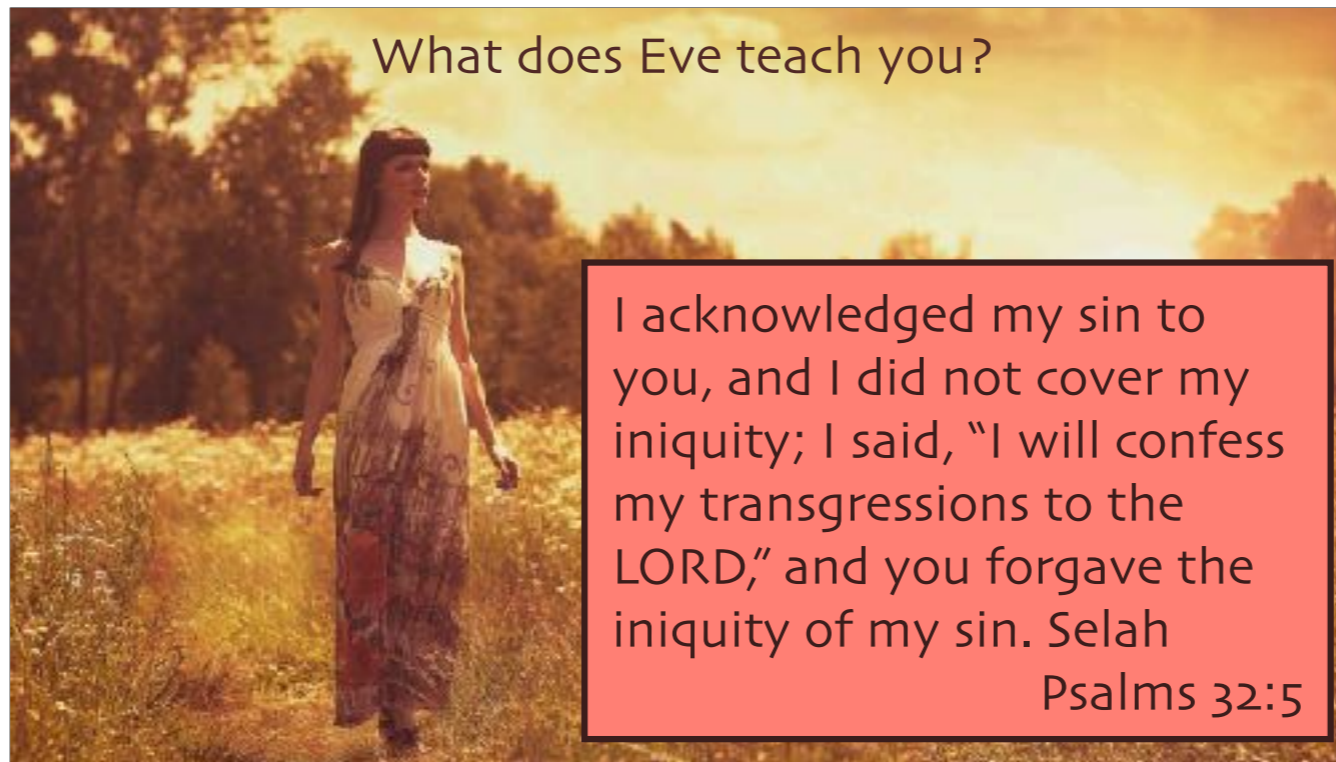
- Created in the Image of God
 - The inclusion of the stories of women in the Bible are there for a reason
 - Important to pay attention to them and consider why Jehovah included in the Scriptures for our learning.
 - Women are not just side characters and role players



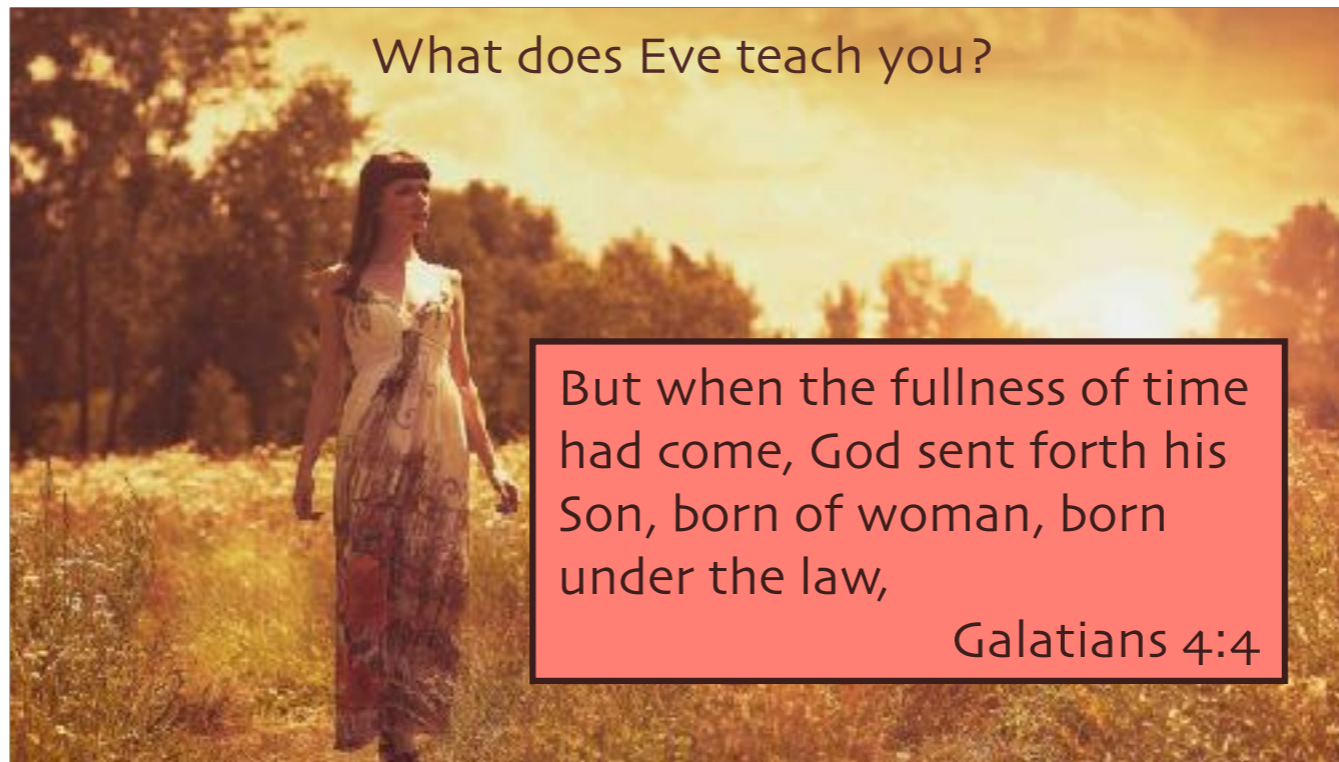
- Value the women in your life
 - Not because of what they do, but because of who they are.
 - Wife, mom, aunts, sisters
 - Sisters in Christ — Heirs together
 - How do we treat the women in this congregation?
 - Do we think of them as vital?
 - Do we hold them as precious?
 - Do something special today for a woman in your life.



- Helper
 - Our struggle with being seen as a helper is usually wrapped around some aspect of pride.
 - Choosing to be a helper is choosing to be like our Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
 - What specific thing can you do today to help and serve another?
- But more ... (to bondservants)
 - Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV) 23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.



- Deceived
 - Eve reminds us that temptation is ever present. Sin is real.
 - When you are deceived, be honest with yourself and with God.
 - Psalms 32:3-5 (ESV) 3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah 5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah



- Mother of All Living
 - God's Grace despite sin.
 - Trust in God's grace and go on to live in his light.
 - There is forgiveness through Jesus.
 - Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,
 - Mark 1:15 (ESV) 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Deceived: Eve

Genesis 3:13

Synopsis: In this lesson we explore the struggle Eve had with temptation, sin, and being deceived along with the consequences of her actions. But she was honest about what happened. We are also reminded that she is the mother of all living, reminding us of God's grace and our hope in Christ.

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