**Gen 1–2 — Creation: Made for More**

**1. You Were Created on Purpose**

*(Genesis 1:1–2:3)*  
God didn’t create the world by accident or out of chaos. He spoke it into being with order, intention, and beauty.  
• Each day builds on the last — forming, then filling.  
• Humanity is made in God's image (1:26–27).

**Lesson:** You’re not a random result of chance. A personal God designed you for a meaningful purpose.  
🗣 *Ask yourself:* Do I live like I was created with intention or just surviving?

**2. Your Work Reflects God’s Work**

*(Genesis 2:2–3, 15)*  
God works for six days and rests on the seventh—not because He needed to, but to set a pattern. Then He places humans in the garden to "work it and take care of it."  
**Lesson:** Work isn’t a punishment—it’s part of your design. But so is rest.  
🗣 *Check your rhythm:* Am I honoring both work and rest as God intended?

**3. You Were Made for Relationship**

*(Genesis 2:18–25)*  
“It is not good for the man to be alone…” is the first "not good" in creation. God designed people for community—friendship, marriage, and connection.  
**Lesson:** Isolation is not God’s plan. You were made to walk with others.  
🗣 *Ask yourself:* Am I pursuing healthy, God-centered relationships—or drifting into isolation?

**4. Creation Is Meant to Point You to the Creator**

*(Genesis 1:31; Psalm 19:1)*  
God saw all that He made—and it was “very good.” Creation itself reflects His glory.  
**Lesson:** The beauty, order, and wonder of the world are meant to lead you to worship.  
🗣 *Ask yourself:* Do I pause to see God’s hand in creation—or take it all for granted?

**5. You Were Made for More Than Survival**

*(Genesis 2:7; 1:28)*  
God breathes life into humanity and calls them to rule, create, multiply, and steward.  
**Lesson:** Life with God is about thriving, not just getting by. You were made to live fully, create beauty, and carry God’s image in the world.  
🗣 *Remember:* Your identity is not just in what you do—it’s in *whose* image you bear.

**Gen 3:1–24 — The First Sin: That Didn’t Last Long**

**1. Temptation Twists God’s Word**

*(Genesis 3:1–5)*  
The serpent begins by questioning what God *really* said and then outright contradicts Him.  
• “Did God really say…?” — introduces doubt.  
• “You will not surely die…” — outright lie.

**Lesson:** Sin often starts with subtle distortions. The enemy doesn’t need you to reject God outright—just to second-guess His goodness or clarity.  
🗣 *Ask yourself:* Am I trusting God's Word as truth, or am I reshaping it to fit what I want?

**2. Sin Looks Good, Feels Right — But Isn’t**

*(Genesis 3:6)*  
Eve saw that the fruit was “good for food,” “pleasing to the eye,” and “desirable for gaining wisdom.” But looks can be deceiving.  
**Lesson:** Sin appeals to the senses and desires—but it never delivers what it promises.  
🗣 *Check your heart:* What am I drawn to that looks good, but leads me away from God?

**3. Shame Leads Us to Hide, Not Heal**

*(Genesis 3:7–10)*  
After they sinned, Adam and Eve hid from God and tried to cover themselves.  
**Lesson:** Our first instinct after failure is often to cover up or withdraw. But healing only comes when we step into the light.  
🗣 *Ask yourself:* Am I hiding from God? Who knows the real me—faults and all?

**4. Passing the Blame Doesn’t Remove the Guilt**

*(Genesis 3:11–13)*  
Adam blames Eve. Eve blames the serpent. Nobody owns it.  
**Lesson:** Deflection is human nature—but repentance starts with responsibility.  
🗣 *Ask yourself:* Do I own my mistakes, or do I shift the blame?

**5. God Judges Sin — But Also Covers Shame**

*(Genesis 3:14–24)*  
God delivers consequences: pain, toil, exile. But He also promises redemption (v.15) and makes garments to clothe their shame (v.21).  
**Lesson:** Sin has consequences, but God’s grace is already at work—pointing to Jesus, who would crush the serpent’s head.  
🗣 *Remember:* God doesn’t leave you in your failure. He offers both justice and mercy.

**Gen 4:1-26 Cain and Abel: Grace in the Aftermath**

**1. God Cares About the Heart Behind Your Offering**

**(Genesis 4:3–5)**  
Cain and Abel both brought offerings — but God looked at the *heart* and the *quality* behind the gift.

* **Abel brought the best** (firstborn, fat portions) — showing reverence and trust.
* **Cain just brought "some"** — possibly half-hearted.

**Lesson**: Don’t just go through the motions. God wants your *best*, not just your leftovers — in worship, in work, in relationships.

🗣 *Ask yourself:* Am I giving God and others my best, or just what's convenient?

**2. Deal With Jealousy Before It Masters You**

**(Genesis 4:6–7)**  
God warns Cain: *“Sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”*  
Cain was jealous of Abel, and it consumed him. Instead of repenting, he lashed out.

**Lesson**: Jealousy is subtle and dangerous. If you don't deal with it, it will deal with you.

🗣 *Check your heart:* Do I get bitter when others succeed? Can I celebrate others without feeling like I’ve lost?

**3. Real Manhood Takes Responsibility**

**(Genesis 4:9)**  
When God asks Cain, *“Where is your brother?”*, Cain replies, *“Am I my brother’s keeper?”*

That’s the opposite of godly manhood. Real men **protect**, **care**, and **take responsibility** — even when it’s uncomfortable.

**Lesson**: Avoid the temptation to deflect blame or detach from others. Be your brother's keeper.

🗣 *Ask yourself:* Am I stepping up for others, or checking out when it’s hard?

**4. Sin Has Real Consequences, But God’s Grace Still Reaches**

**(Genesis 4:11–16)**  
Cain faced real consequences — exile, fear, and isolation. But even then, God **marks him for protection**. God’s mercy shows up *even in judgment*.

**Lesson**: Choices matter. But failure doesn’t disqualify you from God's grace.

🗣 *Remember:* Even if you mess up, God isn’t done with you. Own it, repent, and keep walking.

**5. Build a Legacy That Honors God**

**(Genesis 4:17–26)**  
Cain builds a city, has descendants who create culture (music, tools, etc.) — but the spiritual legacy is mixed. Then we meet **Seth**, and with him comes a generation where *“people began to call on the name of the Lord.”*

**Lesson**: You will leave a legacy — the question is, **what kind?**

🗣 *Ask yourself:* Am I building something that draws people to God, or just making noise?