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"THE FIRST FENCE"

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FENCES IN OUR LIVES PROTECT US FROM DANGER

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Would you rather have all of the comforts of home, but be on display in a zoo OR live in the wild with nothing but the land to survive?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- This first week of the series is to get us thinking about creating boundaries or “fences” in our lives. Let’s review why. **Read Genesis 2:15-18** as a brief set-up, then discuss these verses and questions:
 - *Satan is Deceptive: Genesis 3:1-5*
 - How did he twist the truth? How have you seen that in your life?
 - *Sin is Appealing: Genesis 3:6-7*
 - What made it appealing? Why is this a problem for us?
 - *We are Accountable: Genesis 3:8-19*
 - Which character did not get punished for their actions? [NONE!] How does this go against our culture’s “victim mentality” today?
 - *But God is Gracious!: Genesis 3:20-24*
 - How did God show grace here? How does that comfort you?
- Over the next few weeks we’re going to look at fences in various areas of our lives. These “fences” may look different in each situation:
 - *Fences May Look Like Fleeing: Genesis 39:6-10; 2 Timothy 2:22*
 - Share some examples where fleeing sin may be the wise choice.
 - *Fences May Look Like Facing: Ephesians 6:10-13*
 - What does it mean to take a stand? What does that look like?
 - *Fences May Look Like Fighting: James 4:7; 1 Timothy 6:11-12*
 - How can we “fight” sin? Is this even possible? Share examples.
- As you think about your life right now, is there a temptation/sin that you need to FLEE, FACE, or FIGHT? If so, share with your group which you need to do (you *don’t* need to share the situation if it’s too personal). Close by praying for people in each category they shared.

The References

Main Passage: **Genesis 2:4-3:24 (NIRV)** *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...The Lord God gave the man a command. He said, "You can eat the fruit of any tree that is in the garden. But you must not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you do, you can be sure that you will die."...

Genesis 39:6-12 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her. One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

2 Timothy 2:22 (NIV)

Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. .

Ephesians 6:10-13 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes...Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

James 4:7 (NIV)

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 Timothy 6:11-12 (NLT)

But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses.