Let Us Know You're Here

New or regular, we'd love to know you're here today. You can also share a prayer request so our team can pray for you this week.

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E:Connect is a short class designed to help you learn who we are, what we believe, and how to get connected.

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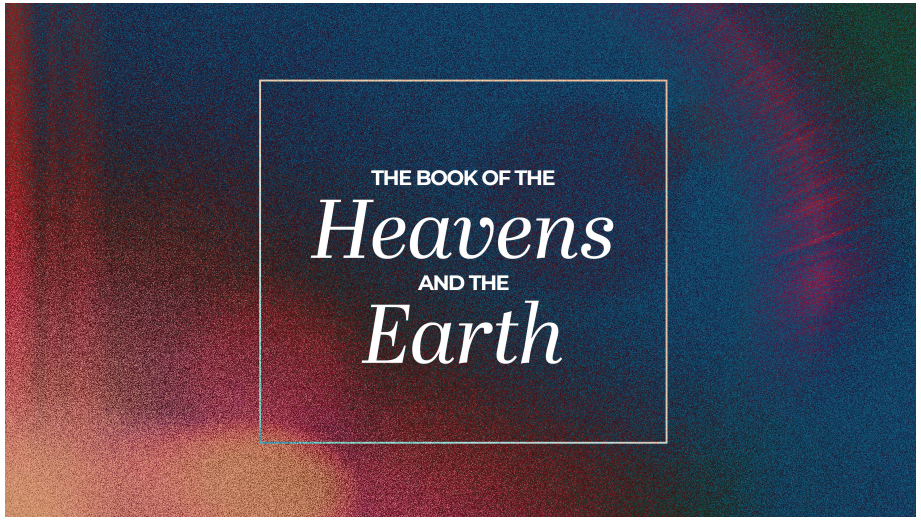
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Our **E:Note** email helps you stay connected beyond the weekend with updates, stories, and next steps from around Emmanuel.

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Christmas Eve Services

Join us for candlelight, worship, and a message of hope at one of our identical Christmas services: December 23 at 6 PM or December 24 at 2, 4, and 6 PM.
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November 14 & 15, 2026 |Book I Section III| Genesis 2:25-3:13 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

We were made for RELATIONSHIP with God.

*Genesis 2:25 And **the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed**. 3:1 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.' " 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. 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. 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and **I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself**." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 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 STORY OF PEOPLE

1. We SIN.

*Genesis 3:6 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**.*

a. The anatomy of TEMPTATION:

v. 3	***God said, 'You shall not***	**It's out of bounds.**
v. 6	*good for food*	But, it FEELS good.
v. 6	*a delight to the eyes*	But, it LOOKS good.
v. 6	*to be desired to make one wise*	But, it PROMISES good.

Genesis 3:5 For God knows that when you eat of it... you will be like God...

b. All sin boils down to "seeking INDEPENDENCE from God."

2. We HIDE.

Genesis 3:7 ...And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

a. We hide from EACH OTHER.

*Genesis 3:8 And they **heard the sound of the LORD God** walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife **hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** among the trees of the garden.*

b. We hide from GOD.

3. We BLAME.

*Genesis 3:12 The man said, "The woman whom **you gave** to be with me, **she gave** me fruit of the tree, and I ate."*

*Genesis 3:13 ...The woman said, "**The serpent** deceived me, and I ate."*

- Nobody does our SINNING for us.

THE STORY OF GOD

1. God PURSUES.

*Genesis 3:9 But the LORD God **called** to the man....*

v. 9	*Where are you?*	Own your SITUATION.
v. 11	*Who told you that you were naked?*	Own your SOURCE.
v. 11	*Have you eaten of the tree which I commanded you not to eat?*	Own your SIN.

2. God REVEALS.

3. God RESTORES.

*Proverbs 3:11 My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, 12 for the LORD reproves him whom he **loves**, as a father the son in whom he delights.*

*Romans 5:8 but God shows his **love** for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

GOD LOVES YOU.

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