

WHERE HAVE ALL THE MEN GONE

**STAND FIRM
& ACT LIKE
MEN**

Genesis 3(ESV)

- Satan deceived Adam & Eve into doubting God's Word & goodness, leading them to disobey His command & eat from the forbidden tree.
- Their eyes were opened to sin & shame & they tried to cover themselves & hide from God's presence.
- When confronted, Adam & Eve shifted blame instead of taking responsibility, revealing how sin distorts relationships & breeds fear & guilt.

Genesis 3(ESV)

- God pronounced judgment on the serpent, the woman & the man, introducing pain, conflict & toil into the world as consequences of sin. (Genesis 3:14–19)
- Yet God showed grace amid judgment, providing garments to cover their shame & promising a future Redeemer who would crush the serpent's head. (Genesis 3:15, 21–24)

The Point

To stand up and act like a man you must first bow down
and surrender to Jesus.

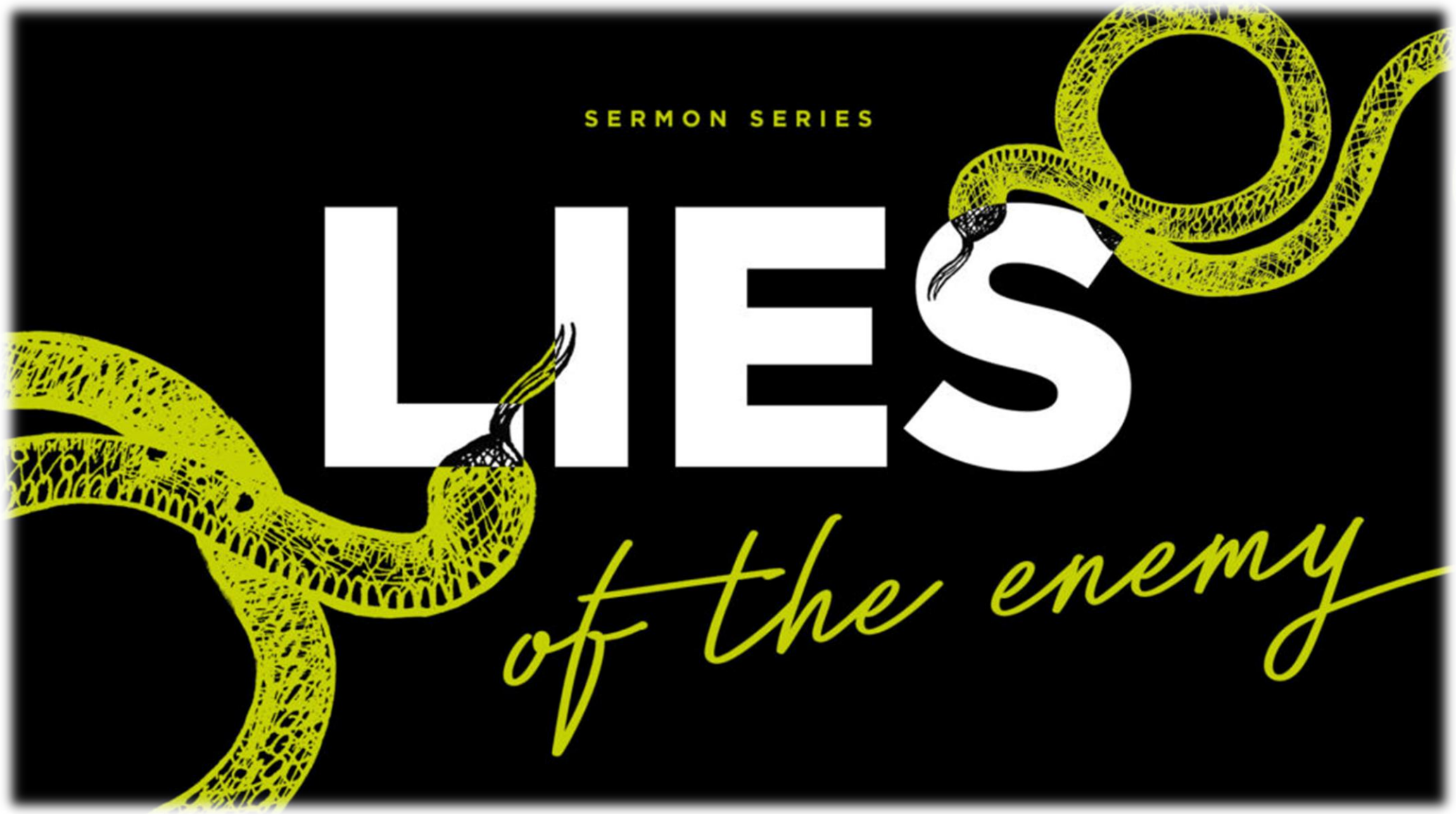
Introduction

- When we think of Adam in the Garden, most of us remember the fruit, the serpent & the fall.
- Pastor Joby describes what went wrong for Adam - and how his choices still teach us about courage, responsibility & faith.
- God designed men to lead with love, courage & faith.
- But sin caused men to hide, blame & withdraw.
- The good news: Jesus came to restore what was lost & make us new.

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Lies of the Enemy

- Satan's strategy is deception - He wants us to question God's truth.
- Jesus called him "the father of lies".

*44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
(John 8:44 ESV)*

Lies of the Enemy

- Satan attacks three things:
 - The Word of God – causing doubt about Scripture's authority.
 - The Work of God – making us think Jesus' sacrifice wasn't enough for you.
 - The Worth of God – convincing you that God doesn't love or care for us.
- Eve adds to God's command - When we add our own rules, we show we don't trust His grace.

Lies of the Enemy

- Adam's silence was sin.
- The first failure of manhood was passivity - not leading, not protecting.
- The result was shame & hiding.
- Adam & Eve realized they were naked & tried to cover themselves with fig leaves - religion without relationship.
- The first step away from God is when we stop trusting His Word & start trusting ourselves.



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- When God called out, “Where are you?”, He wasn’t confused - He was inviting Adam to confess.
- God still asks every heart that question today.
- Adam’s fear replaced fellowship - He hid instead of walking with God.
- The essence of the gospel:
 - Without Jesus, we say, “I messed up - don’t tell Dad.”
 - With Jesus, we say, “I am messed up - call Dad!”

Choices Have Consequences

- Adam blamed Eve - and even blamed God.
- True manhood takes responsibility, not excuses.
- Sin curses everything
 - Our will to obey
 - Our relationships
 - Our work

Choices Have Consequences

- Men now struggle with laziness, pride, or overwork.
- Women struggle with pain & relational tension.
- Genesis 3:15 promises a “serpent crusher” – Jesus fulfilled that promise.
- He restored what sin destroyed.
- Real men don’t run from God; they run to Him.
- Confession is not weakness - it’s the doorway to strength.

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- Despite the curse, Adam believed life would continue through God's promise.
- God provided garments of skin - The first sacrifice points forward to Jesus, the Lamb of God.
- Our "fig leaves" of good works can't cover sin - only God's grace can.
- True manhood begins with surrender.

Bow Down Before You Stand Up

- Before a knight could rise to fight, he had to kneel before the king.
- Before we can “act like men,” we must first bow to Jesus.
- Godly strength flows from the Holy Spirit, not willpower.

*3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,
(2 Peter 1:3 ESV)*

Bow Down Before You Stand Up

- Trying harder fails; surrendering wins.
- The call is to stand up, not in pride, but in purpose.
- To act like a man of God, you must first kneel like a child before God.

Practical Application

- Admit your need for God daily - humility is manhood's foundation.
- Read and trust God's Word as your ultimate authority.
- Confess your sin quickly and honestly.
- Listen with love before speaking in anger.
- Find your worth in God's love, not in work or success.
- Keep serving, even in small ways—faithfulness pleases God.

Discussion Questions

- Why do you think Adam stayed silent when the serpent spoke?
- What are some modern “fig leaves” people use to cover sin?
- What does it mean to “bow down before you stand up”?
- How does knowing Jesus restores what Adam broke encourage you personally?
- In what ways can older men & women model godly strength?

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