



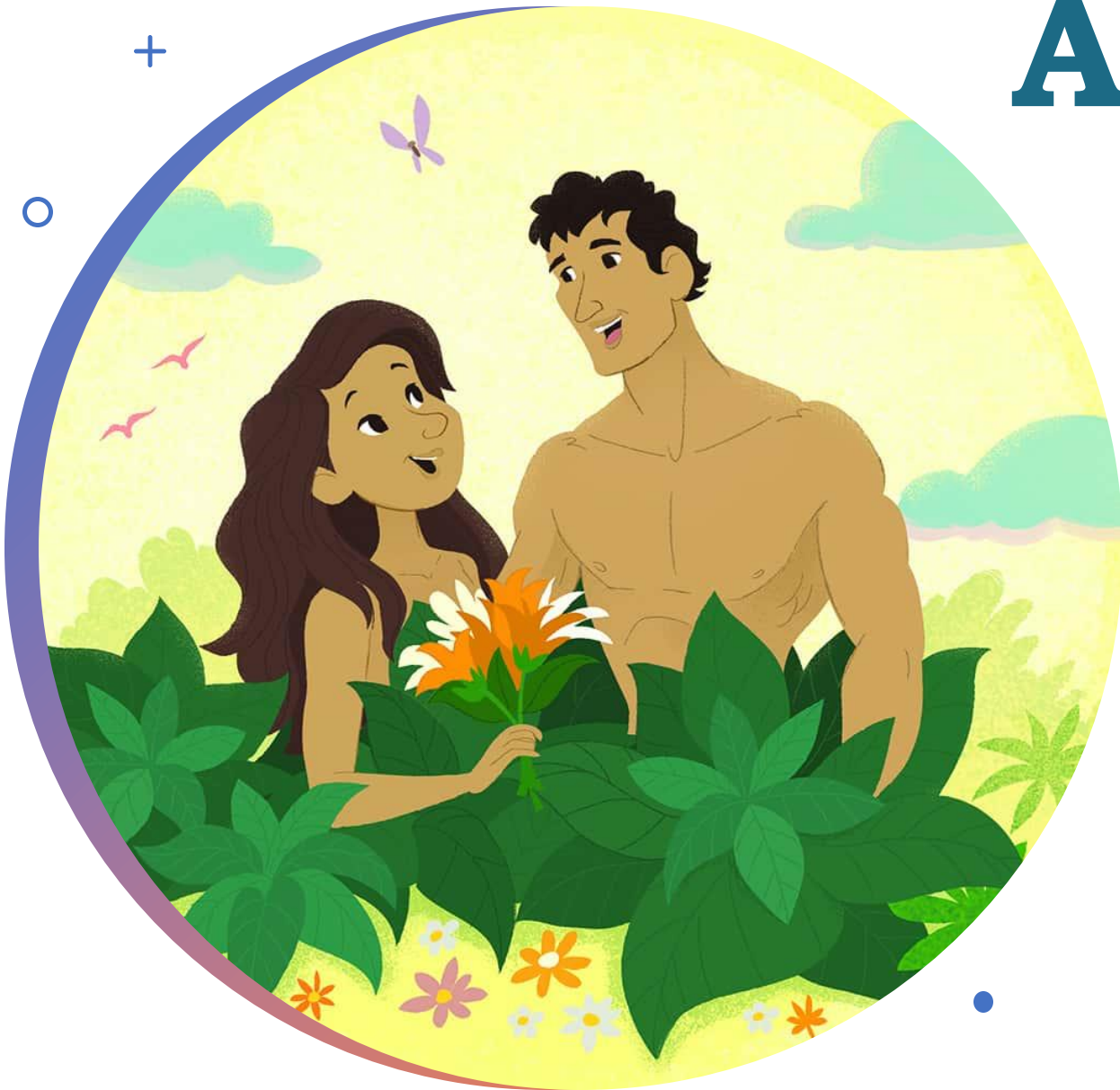
Week 1: Choose Wisely

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How many options do you need, for a decision to be considered a choice?

(OPEN DISCUSSION)

Adam and Eve



- **The first man and woman**

- Adam was formed from the dust

- Eve was formed from one of Adams ribs

- **They lived in the Garden of Eden (paradise)**

- No sickness or death

- No sadness

- No shame, fear or worries

- **They lived in God's presence**

Adam and Eve

God gave Adam and Eve Instructions:

1. Be fruitful and increase in number (*Genesis 1:28*)
2. Fill the earth and subdue it. (*Genesis 1:28*)
3. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground. (*Genesis 1:28*)
4. **You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die** (*Genesis 2: 16-17*)



The Fall (Genesis 3)

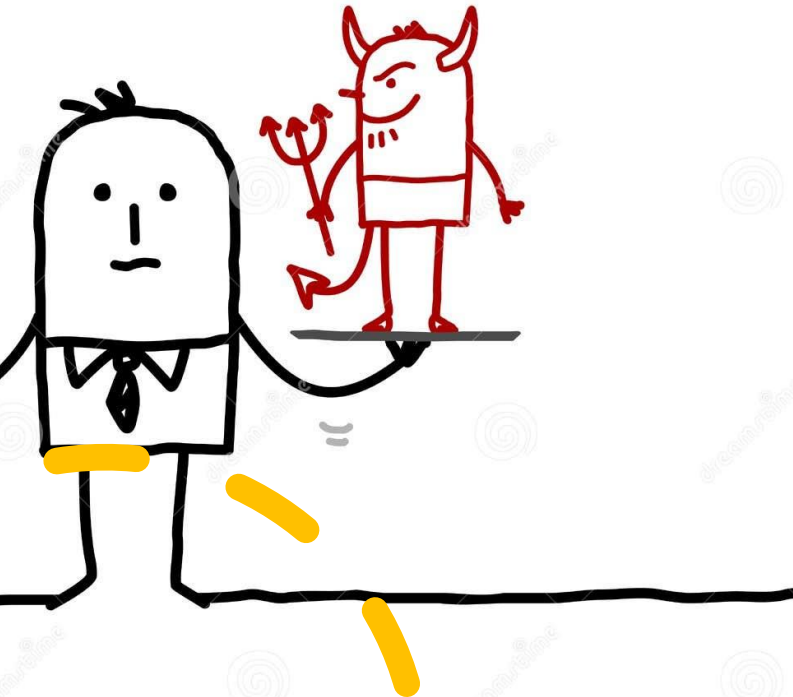


The Temptation (Genesis 3: 1 – 4)

- **Challenge against God's Word** : "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" (*Genesis 3:1*)
- **Challenge to take their lives into their own hands**: "You will not certainly die."
(*Genesis 3:4*)
- **Challenge to take God's authority for themselves**: "...you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (*Genesis 3:5*)

TEMPTATION

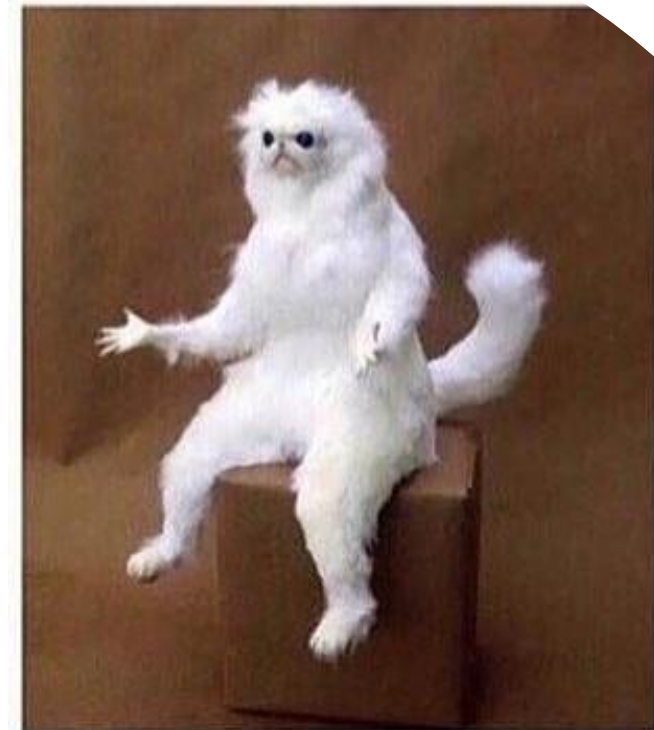
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All the Why's

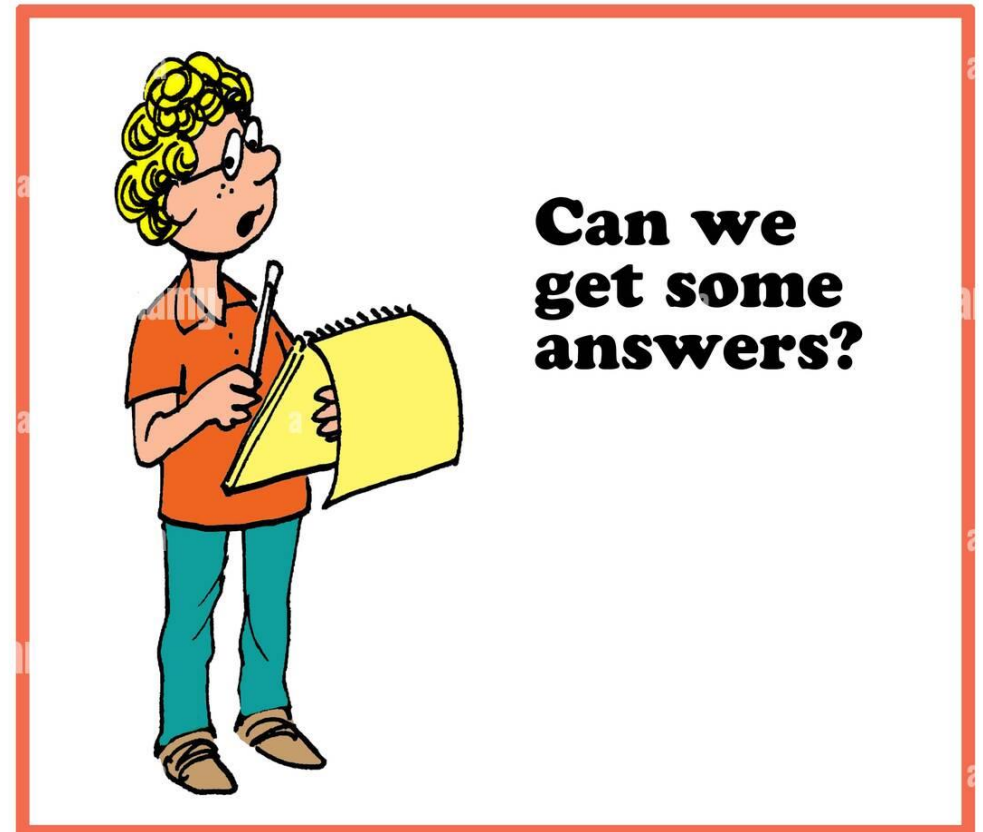


- Why did God create the tree?
- Why didn't God put the tree in a distant place?
- Why was the tree in the middle of the Garden?
- Why didn't God stop them?



The Answer

- God gives us a choice (free will)
- God doesn't force us to follow Him
- God wants us to follow Him because we want to



How can we make the right choice?



GET INFORMED



TAKE ACTION



UNDERSTAND THE PATH

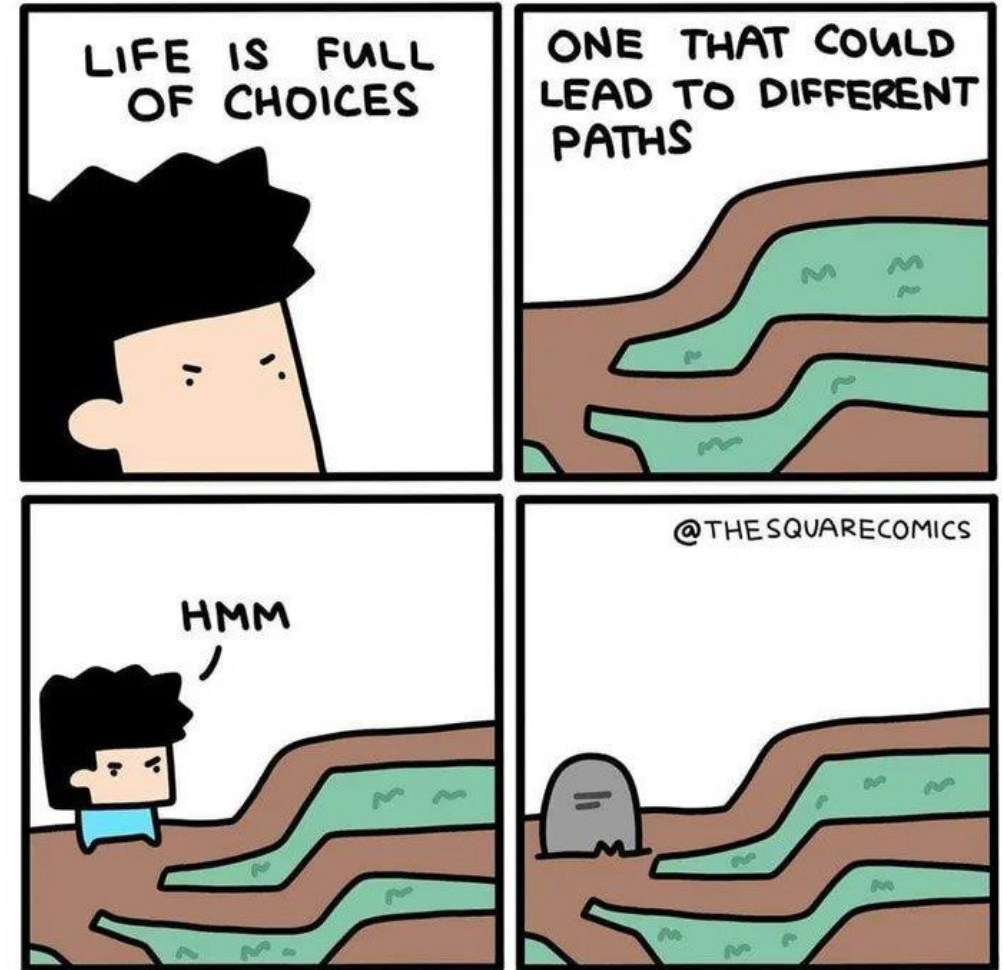


Get informed on your choices

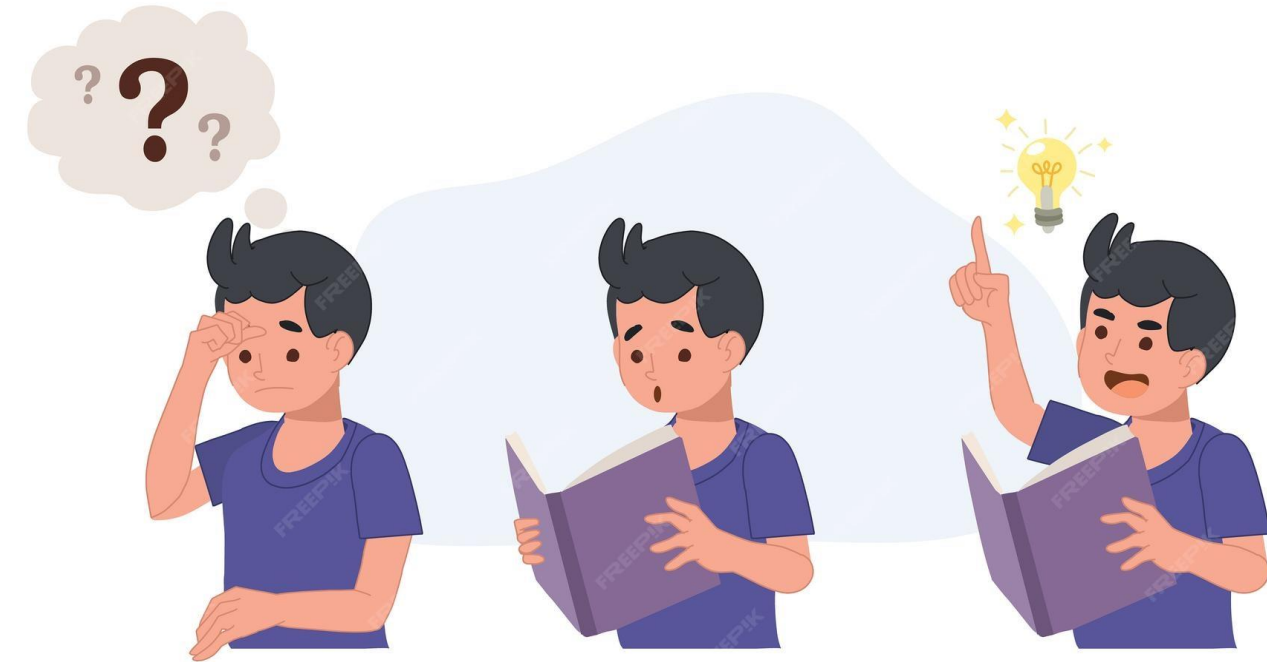
- Start learning who God is
 - Read your Bible
- Ask questions and be curious
- Understand the impact of your choice (consequences)

Take Action

- Start Small
- Be Consistent
- Get Help and Guidance
- Build a Community



Understand the path



- God won't blindly leave you once you choose Him – He gives you guidance
- He gives you understanding
- He gives you a hope for a better future – Paradise with Him ("Restored Earth")