

## Genesis 3:8-15

### - **Everybody gets burned when we try to play hot potato!**

- Being confronted with our baggage and brokenness is never easy...  
...or at least it shouldn't be!
- When we disobey we distance ourselves from God and one another.
  - We isolate, disassociate, and distance ourselves to avoid the consequence of the offense.
  - We pass the buck and blame the issue on anyone but us to keep our hands clean.
  - We claim to be the victim to neglect our ownership in the hurt caused by our actions.
- The call to confess of our sins is awkward, uncomfortable, and yet still liberating!

### - **We were created to look upon our Creator face to face!**

- Mankind was made with the unique ability to be in relationship with God!
  - God declared that everything He made to be good and very good...  
...and then handed over all of creation into the hands of a creature crafted in His own image!
  - God was walking in the garden and calls to Adam from the middle of the mess they had just made!
  - God gives us the freewill to love Him and equips us with His Spirit walk with Him in faith...but He doesn't force us to!
- Our inclination to hide ourselves from God's presence is unnatural...  
...we are called to live in transparency and light.
- The buck stops with Jesus as He restores and reconciles man's relationship with God!

### - **Forgiveness frees us up to own our 'stuff' and follow Christ unburdened from blame!**

- Our nakedness before God allows us to be equally accountable with one another.
  - The ability to walk with broken people begins in recognizing how broken we are too.
  - The path is already well-trodden by those who have gone before us in faith.
  - We have a responsibility to reconcile as we reflect Christ within us!
- We shouldn't be shocked by the depth of darkness because of sin...  
...so we aren't surprised when surprised that the Light of God's grace in Christ still reaches it!
- “You are forgiven!” releases us into the world with a hope and love worth sharing!