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Getting to the
Core of Change



the core soul hungers tree



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good news: God loves pleasure

no one

***experiences, seeks, and generates
more pleasure than God.***

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the core lie

**God's not good
he's holding out on us
& doesn't want us
to be happy**

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genesis 3

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.'"



genesis 3

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.



temptation & sin defined

temptation: the promise that we will be happier and experience more pleasure doing something outside of God's will than in it.

sin: acting in faith on that promise.

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promises of sin

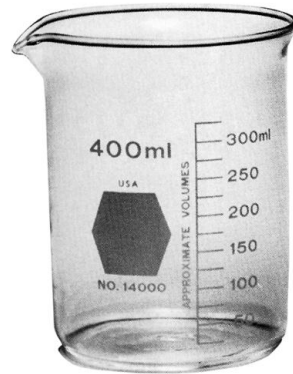
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God & pleasure

- God is:
 - the most pleasure-enjoying Person in the universe
 - Lord of pleasure: temporary & eternal
- holiness: essential for permanent pleasure



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roots-up relationship with pleasure

- God designed us for pleasure
 - his goal for us: pleasures forevermore (psalm 16)
- essence of temptation: more pleasure outside God's will than in it
 - key battle: immediate v. delayed gratification

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- sin is a faith-act, trusting in those promises over & against promises of God
 - whenever we abandon God's love & trust in promises of sin, ***we always affair down***

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- Christian relationship with pleasure:
 - passionate pursuit of it
 - both temporary and permanent
 - trusting in God's commands & promises against promises of sin

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For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you... was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him.

-2 Corinthians 1:19-20

God says no so that we might know his larger yes!

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roots-up relationship with pleasure

- fasting that serves feasting

“Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.”

-Philippians 3:19

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roots-up relationship with pleasure

- ultimately: God is our good
- the good news about holiness & happiness

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