

AWKWARD.

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“GOD’S REDEEMING WORK IN AWKWARD MOMENTS”

TODAY’S PASSAGE:

Genesis 3: 6-8 ESV... 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.

THE GRANDDADDY OF ALL AWKWARD MOMENTS...

- The Bible is full of awkward, embarrassing, and cringeworthy moments!
- Life itself is also full of awkward, embarrassing, and cringeworthy moments!
- God specializes in redeeming awkward and cringeworthy moments!
- The granddaddy of all awkward moments: Adam and Eve’s nakedness... Gen. 3:6-10

YOU CAN’T MESS WITH SIN...WITHOUT THINGS GETTING AWKWARD

- Before Adam and Eve sinned, things were perfect... Gen. 2:25
- After they sinned, things got awkward when they realized they were naked... Gen. 3:7
- “Blushing may be the color of virtue, but it was not the color of innocence.”
- Adam and Eve first sought to do damage control... Gen. 3:7-8

HOW SIN MAKES THINGS AWKWARD WITH GOD

- Even though beliefs are justified, we are not fully sanctified.
- Believers who have been washed clean . . . can still have dirty feet . . . John 3:4-10
- Believers can grieve the Holy Spirit by their sinful behavior . . . Eph. 4:29-32
- This is why the Lord instructed us to pray . . . Forgive us our debts . . . Mt. 6:12

HOW SIN MAKES THINGS AWKWARD WITH OTHERS

- The sin that affected Adam and Eve also affected Cain and Abel.
- Sin will also turn an “awesome church” into an “awkward church” in the blink of an eye . . . 1 Cor. 5:1-2
- The one person most often affected when someone messes around with sin . . . is the sinner himself/herself.
- The good news is that God specializes in redeeming awkward messes . . . Romans 8:28.

GOD SPECIALIZES IN REDEEMING AWKWARD MESSES

- God immediately set out to redeem the awkward mess that Adam and Eve created . . . Gen 3:21
- God is redeeming every awkward mess for those who have been called according to His purpose . . . Rom. 8:28
- Dr. R. C. Sproul once said, “If you’re going to base your life on any one Bible verse, make it Romans 8:28”.
- Will you keep trusting God even when you are in the midst of an awkward mess?