

# Readings

## Scripture

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

- Genesis 1:1-2 (English Standard Version)

<sup>1</sup>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?'" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>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.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

- Genesis 3:1-7 (English Standard Version)

<sup>1</sup>Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

- Genesis 12:1-3 (English Standard Version)

<sup>1</sup>But the Lord said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he will send them out, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land."

<sup>2</sup>God spoke to Moses and said to him, "I am the Lord. <sup>3</sup>I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself known to them. <sup>4</sup>I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners. <sup>5</sup>Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. <sup>6</sup>Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup>I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup>I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the Lord.'" <sup>9</sup>Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery.

- Exodus 6:1-9 (English Standard Version)

# Sermon Outline

## The Revealer

Genesis 1:1-2, 3:1-7, 12:1-3; Exodus 6:1-9

Cover to Cover

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*Because the scripture reveals God in our fallen human condition, we must learn to view life through the corrective lenses of grace.*

### What do the corrective lenses of grace reveal about God and about our human condition?

#### That God is creator... (Genesis 1:1-2)

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#### That God's creation has been high jacked by evil... (Genesis 3:1-7)

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#### That God plans to repair the damage done by evil through a covenant... (Genesis 12:1-3)

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#### That God's commitment to rescue the next generation is seen in love... (Exodus 6:1-9)

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### Reflection Questions (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups)

- Where are we in the overall story of the Bible?
- How do we see Jesus in this passage or in these books?
- What are the fallen conditions addressed by the passage that highlight our need for grace?
- How do we see this applying to us today?