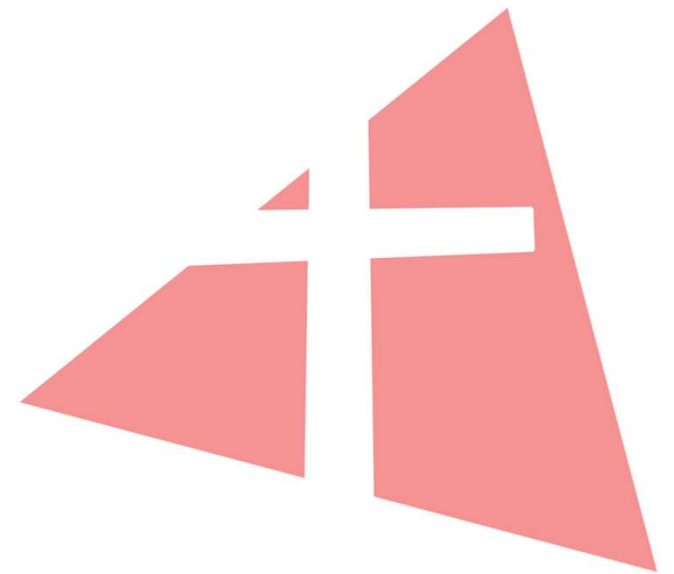


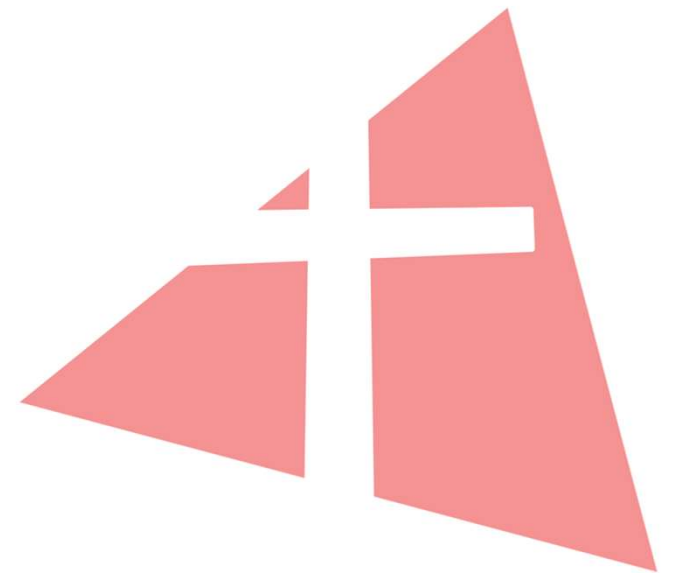
Spiritual Warfare: Satan's Tactics (Part 1)

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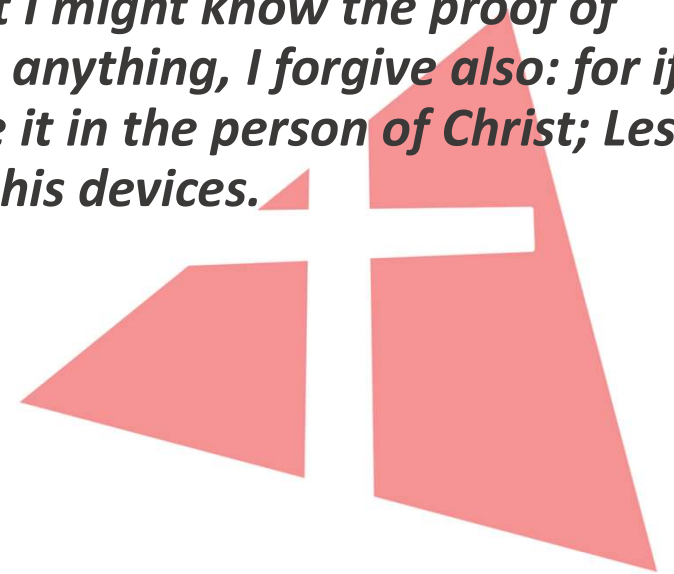
Spiritual Warfare

- **Satan's Tactics**
- **Jesus' Victory**
- **Our position**



Why bother with satan's tactics?

2 Corinthians 2:9-11 (KJ2000) For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether you be obedient in all things. To whom you forgive anything, I forgive also: for if I forgave anything, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes I forgave it in the person of Christ; Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.



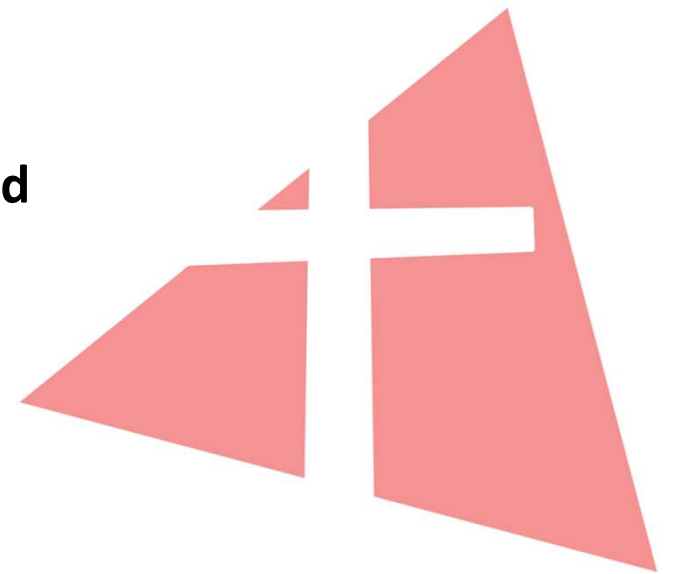
Why bother with satan's tactics?

- **We should not seek the devil**
 - We need to seek Jesus
- **But we should also not be ignoring who satan is and what he is trying to do**
 - If we don't know anything about satan, we will give in to his temptations



A common opinion

- **Everything bad that ever happens to us is satan**
 - Bad things that happen that are very obvious
- **But satan's main work is so subtle that it's often not recognized**



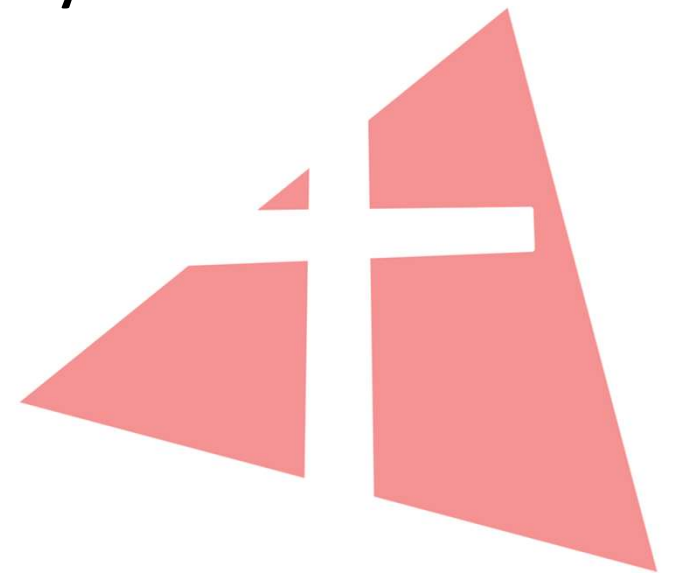
Jesus vs. satan

John 10:10 (KJ2000) The thief comes not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.



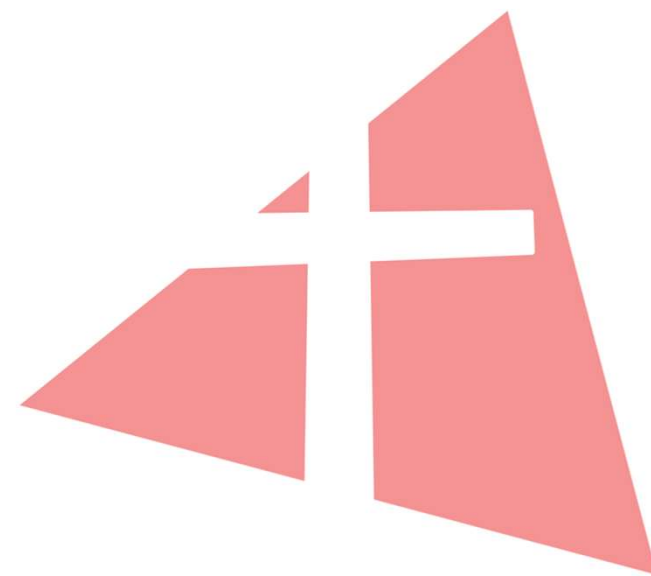
Jesus vs. satan

- **Jesus and satan are fighting over our lives and our eternal destiny**
- **We play a role in “who is winning”**
 - How fruitful we are
 - Even our eternal destiny



Satan's Tactics

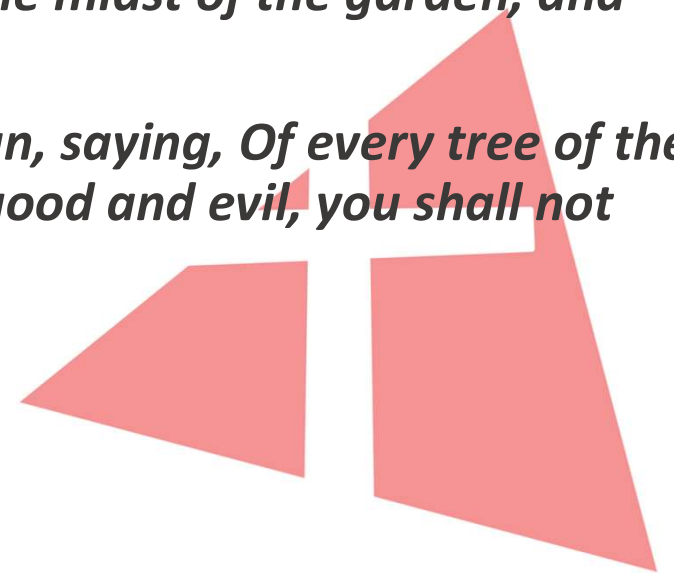
- **The Garden of Eden**



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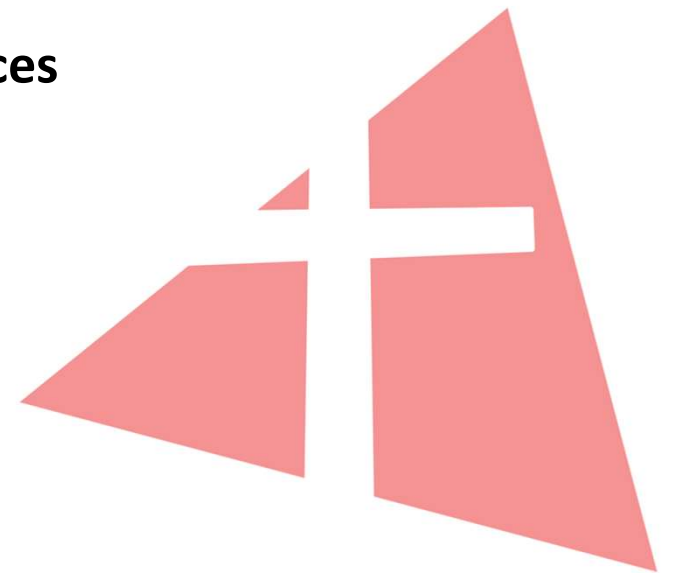
Genesis 2:9 (KJ2000) And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:16-17 (KJ2000) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.



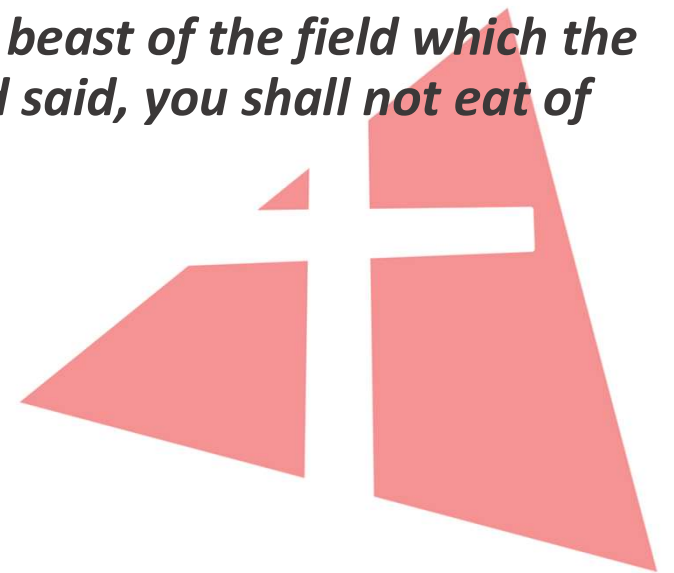
God's Principles

- **God gives Adam A LOT of freedom**
- **God did create things that allowed Adam to make wrong choices**
 - Love is not love if there is no choice
- **God set consequences in place**



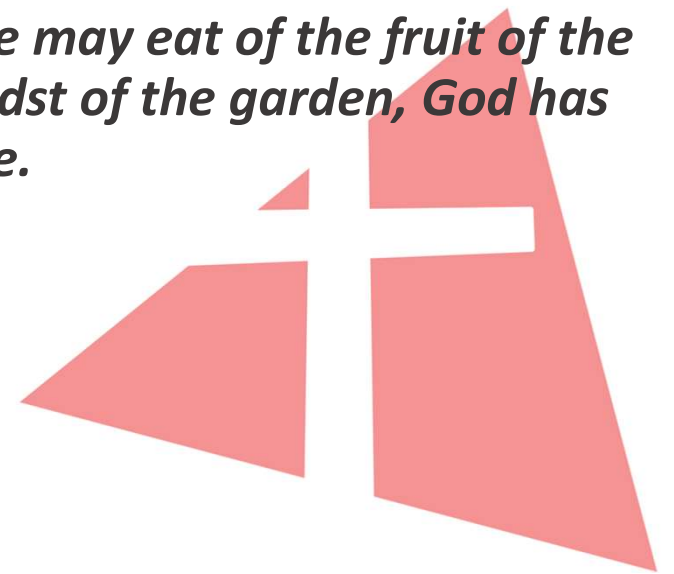
Satan's tactics

Genesis 3:1 (KJ2000) Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, has God said, you shall not eat of every tree of the garden?



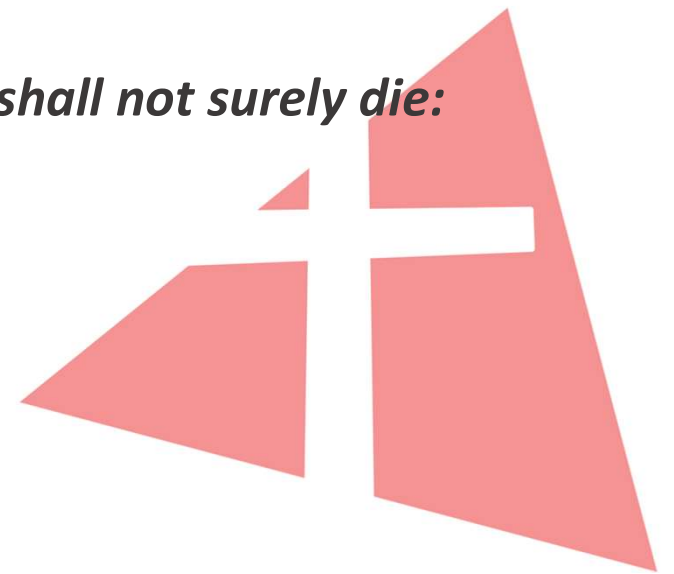
Eve's Response

Genesis 3:2-3 (KJ2000) And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.



Satan's Tactics

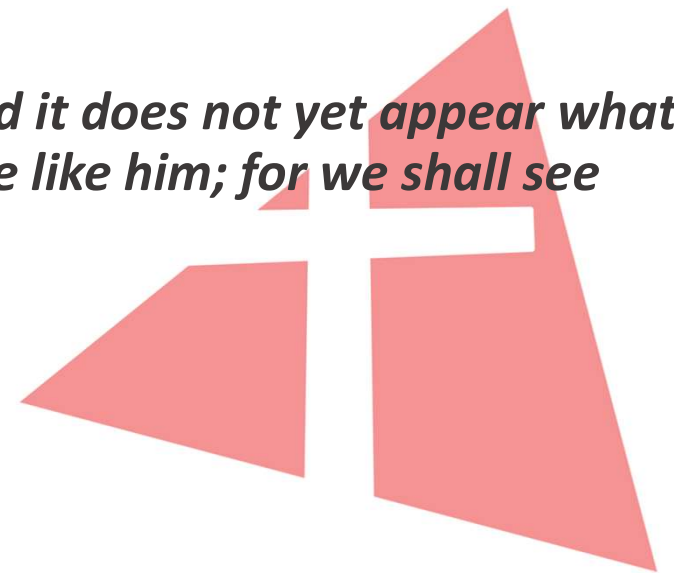
Genesis 3:4 (KJ2000) And the serpent said unto the woman, You shall not surely die:



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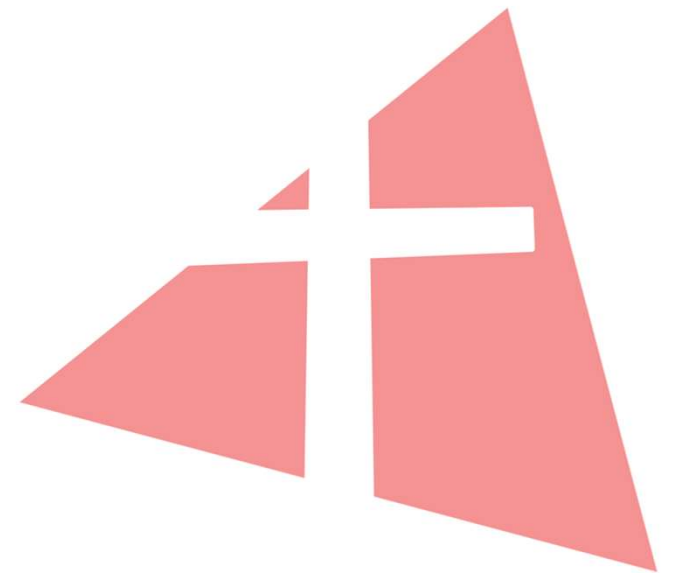
Genesis 3:5 (KJ2000) For God does know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

1 John 3:2 (KJ2000) Beloved, now are we the children of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.



Satan's Tactics

- **Satan is trying to sell us a shortcut to our God-given destiny**
- **But in reality, it's a way to our own destruction**



The Consequences of Sin

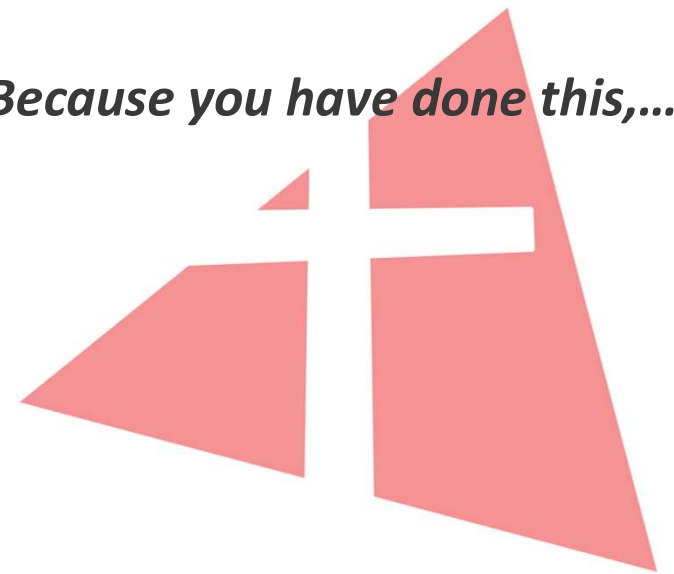
Genesis 3:6-7 (KJ2000) And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Genesis 3:8 (KJ2000) And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.



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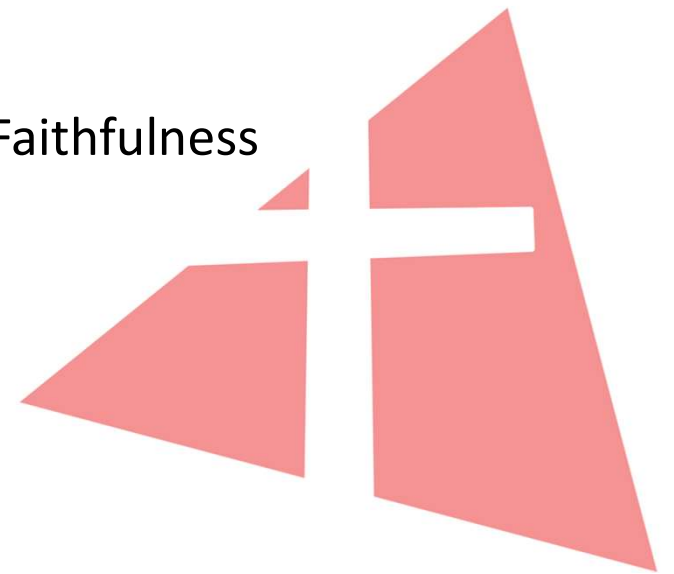
Genesis 3:14 (KJ2000) And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because you have done this,...



Application

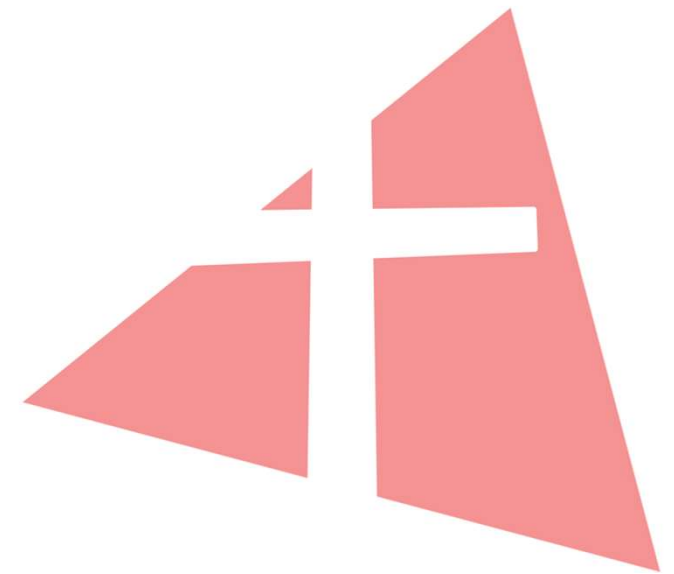
○ Satan's tactics

- Trying to get us to talk with him
- Trying to add small twists to God's Word
- Trying to get us to question God's Character, Goodness and Faithfulness
- Trying to deny the consequences of sin
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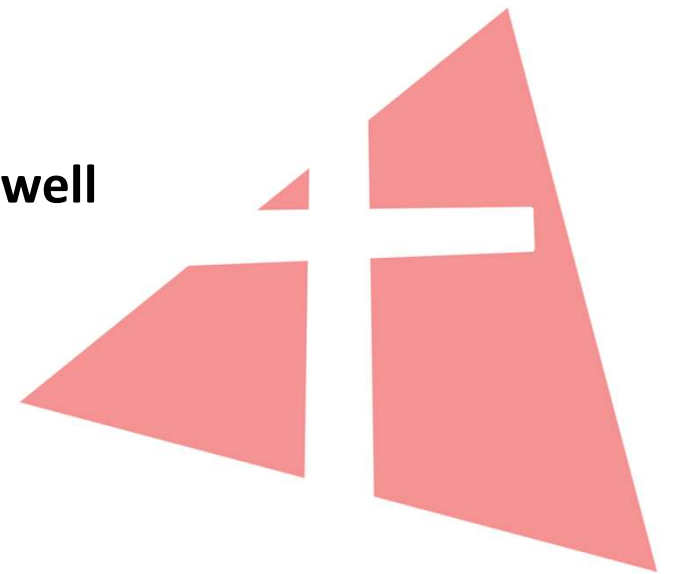
Application

- **If we recognize that we are doing any of these things or believe any of these things, we have allowed satan a foothold in our lives**
- **We have allowed satan to ...**
 - Steal and/pr
 - Kill and/or
 - Destroy



Next Week

- **Jesus' Temptation**
 - Matt. 4
- **Unlike Eve, Jesus resisted, won, and showed us how to win as well**



In Conclusion

- **Yes, satan does try to harm us in big ways**
- **But the main way in which satan is working in us is far more subtle**
- **Let's be alert and expose satan's work in our lives**

