

Distance: Mankind & God

Distortion = Dysfunction

- Mankind & God
 - Genesis 3:1b-5, 8-12, 22-24
- Mankind & Self
 - Genesis 3:6-7, 8, 10, 13, 16
- Mankind & Mankind
 - Genesis 3:12, 16
- Mankind & Creation
 - Genesis 3:17-19,21

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Genesis 1 – 3

- Genesis 1:1 – 2:3
 - 2:4 – These are the generations...
- Inverse order of 1:1 & 2:1-3
 - 1:1 – “He created” ... “God” ... “heavens & earth”
 - 2:1 “heavens & earth” ... 2:2 “God” ... 2:3 “He had done in creation”

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The creator's generosity is not being given its full due, and he is being painted as a little harsh and repressive, forbidding the tree even to be touched.

- Gordan J. Wenham

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Distortion = God is withholding something

- My life would be better if _____.
- Do you feel incomplete without _____ in your life?

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Distortion = God is not trustworthy

- Are you staying away from God out of fear of the repercussions of what you did?
- The truth is, Satan is the untrustworthy one.

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How does your story intersect with these distortions?

- Have you ever thought God was maliciously withholding something from you?
- Have you ever thought God was not trustworthy?
- Have you ever thought God was a vindictive punisher?