With Her- Adam's Failure

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INTRODUCTION

- Little phrases that mean a lot. Like that phrase at the end of verse 6, where it says that Adam was with her.
- If we're going to build strong homes, we'll have to have strong leaders in those homes. In fact, the home will only be as strong as the leadership in that home.
- Adam passively watched while temptation happened, and his wife fell into it, and then he likewise participated with her in this terrible sin.

1 Being Alert to Spiritual Danger

Genesis 3:1; Genesis 3:3; Genesis 3:4

- Leaders look for trouble before it starts.
- Notice there in verse 1, did God actually say? Do you see how just the question casts doubt upon the Lord?
- Verse 4, you will not surely die. That's an outright lie.
- He is asleep at the wheel, not looking for danger, not warning his family about temptation, not intervening, not putting himself between danger and his wife.
- Leadership is not a title to pin upon your chest. Leadership is a work, it is a job. And the first part of that job is what? Awareness of spiritual danger.
- Sounds like Dad is on the alert for spiritual danger so he can do what Adam did not protect his family.

2 Initiative: Leaders Step Forward

1 Timothy 2:13–14; Genesis 3:17

- What do you do when you see danger coming?
- Adam was formed first and then Eve. And Adam was not deceived. The woman, she was deceived. She became a transgressor.
- Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I've commanded you shall not eat of it.
- Adam listened to her. He took his cues from her and how she was handling it instead of taking initiative.
- Leaders take initiative. Leaders do not keep their mouth shut and play it cool. Leaders step forward.
- If I'm going to lead others to do that, I must take the initiative with myself first.

3 Taking Responsibility for What Went Wrong

Genesis 3:12; 1 Peter 3

- Adam failed because he was unwilling to take responsibility for what went wrong.

- The man said, the woman, the woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.
- Instead of taking responsibility, he blames Eve and not very subtly blames the Lord himself.
- Passive men do what Adam did here. They duck responsibility and blame others.
- Leaders always own up to their mistakes.
- David humbled himself. I have sinned. David took responsibility.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **That's what Adam couldn't do here. But that's what you and I must do if we're going to lead our homes.**

MY NOTES