

WHICH WAY OUT

ESCAPING WHEN THERE'S TROUBLE IN PARADISE

Every test that you've experienced is the kind that normally comes to people. But God keeps his promise, and he will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, he will give you the strength to endure it, and provide you with a way out. **1 Corinthians 10:13** (GNT)

➤ GOD WILL HELP ME FIND A WAY OUT IF I WILL...

1. _____.

The **Lord God** put the man in the garden of Eden to care for it and work it. **The Lord God** commanded him, "You may eat the fruit from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat the fruit from the tree which gives the knowledge of good and evil. If you ever eat fruit from that tree, you will die!" **Genesis 2:15-17**

Now the snake was the most clever of all the wild animals **the Lord God** had made. One day the snake said to the woman, "**Did God** really say that you must not eat fruit from any tree in the garden?" ² The woman answered the snake, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden. ³ **But God** told us, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden. You must not even touch it, or you will die.'" ⁴ But the snake said to the woman, "You will not die. ⁵ **God knows** that if you eat the fruit from that tree, you will learn about good and evil and you will be like God!" **Genesis 3:1-5**

- Adam and Eve were _____ on what God said, but _____ to doing what he said to.

Obey the Word of God. If you hear only and do not act, you are only fooling yourself. ²³ Anyone who hears the Word of God and does not obey is like a man looking at his face in a mirror. ²⁴ After he sees himself and goes away, he forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But the one who keeps looking into God's perfect Law and does not forget it will do what it says and be happy as he does it. God's Word makes men free. **James 1:22- 25** (NLV)

You know these things, God will bless you, if you do them. **John 13:17** (CEV)

2. _____.

The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful, and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. **Genesis 3:6-7** (NIV)

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father^a is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. **1 John 2:16** (NIV)

Let us ·live [walk] ·in a right way [properly; decently], like people who belong to the day. We should not have wild parties or get drunk. There should be no ·sexual sins of any kind [^lsexual immorality or debauchery/sensuality], no ·fighting [strife; quarrels] or jealousy. But clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and ·forget about satisfying [or give no opportunity to the desires of; or don't think about ways to gratify] ·your sinful self [the sinful nature; ^T the flesh]. **Romans 13:13, 14** (EXB)

3. _____!

At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. ⁸...they hid from the LORD God among the trees. ²³ So the LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden... **Genesis 3:7, 8b, 23a** (NLT)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:23** (NIV)

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. **Galatians 6:7-8** (NIV)

4. _____.

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is right for him...The man said, "You gave this woman to me and she gave me fruit from the tree, so I ate it." **Genesis 2:18, 3:12** (NIV)

My friends, you are spiritual. So if someone is trapped in sin, you should gently lead that person back to the right path. **Galatians 6:1** (CEV)

If a ·good [righteous] person ·punished [^l hit] me, that would be ·kind [an act of loyalty]. If he corrected me, that would be like perfumed oil on my head. ·I [^l My head] shouldn't refuse it. **Psalms 141:5** (EXB)

5. _____.

...they heard GOD strolling in the garden in the evening breeze, the Man and his Wife hid in the trees of the garden, hid from GOD. **Genesis 3:8b** (MP)

If we say that we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ But if we confess our sins, God will forgive us. We can trust God to do this ...He will make us clean from all the wrong we have done. **1 John 1:8. 9** (ERV)