

**The Beginning of Adversity**  
**Genesis 3:1-8**  
**January 2:17**

Intro: Can you remember the first time you did something wrong?

Interog: Do you see yourself as a sinner? What is sin? How am I affected?

Read Genesis 3:18

Background: Chapter two ends with no shame and all is good in the garden. Chapter 3 starts with the cunning serpent. How did he get there?

Ezekiel 28:12-15 Addressed to prince of Tyre, secondly addressed to force behind the prince  
Isaiah 14:12-15 King of Babylon ...”I will ...I will...I will” five times contrary will.

**1. The enemy is cunning - verse 3:1**

Echoed in the NT 2 Cor 11:3 “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. “

**2. The enemy wants us to talk to Him – verse 2-5**

Prov 3:5-8

**3. The enemy wants us to follow Him - verse 5**

(Be like him) Is 14:12-15 I will

**4. The enemy brings us only to shame – verses 7-8**

Eph 4:17-19, 20-24

Saw they were naked and hid themselves

We are in a cosmic battle for control. God has it, the devil wants it. The devil wants you to think you can have it. Contrary wills.