

## How SIN Happens

(Gen. 3:1-6)

- How did the first man and woman go from Wow to Woe so quickly?
- How did good become bad so quickly?
- Why do serpents slither?
- Why do women bear children painfully?
- Why does the land produce weeds and work produce toil?
- Why did the first child kill his brother?
- Why is there sickness, suffering and death?
- Why did Christ have to die?

Life lessons learned from an O Henry bar and Jesus' half-brother, James.

Satan's schemes take advantage of our wrong desires. (2 Cor. 2:11; Eph. 6:10f; Jas. 1:14,15; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; 1 Peter 5:9)

### From desires to death—the lifecycle of unstopped sin...

- Desires dictate decisions
- Wrong desires “impregnated” by action birth sin
- Sin birthed and nurtured to grow to maturity births death!

### Desires that pull you to sin → *Desire*GOD

1. The desire to be **independent**—“Did **GOD**...?”  
Talk to God
2. **Unmet** desires – “**DID** God really...?”  
Desire things above
3. **Exaggerated** cravings – “from **ANY** tree...?”  
Know God's Word
4. Desires begin to sit in **judgement** of God – “Did God **REALLY** say...?”  
Fight feelings with facts
5. **Ambitious** desires – “you will be **LIKE** God...!”  
Practice contentment
6. Desires that foster **unbelief** – “you will not **SURELY** die...!”  
What you crave will consume you

Wishing to be shrewd (‘arum), they woke to discover they were nude (arom)—their great awakening was to discover they had less!