

A person stands on the peak of a dark, silhouetted mountain. The sky above is a deep blue and black, filled with stars and the glowing band of the Milky Way galaxy. The title 'The FIRST Family' is written in white across the sky. 'The' and 'Family' are in a cursive script, while 'FIRST' is in a tall, thin, sans-serif font.

The FIRST Family

Class 4 – The First Sin

The subtilty of the natural mind

God: “Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it...”
Gen. 2:16-17

The Serpent: “Yea, hath God said, ‘Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”
Gen. 3:1

“Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”
ESV

The serpent’s crooked question focuses on what they *couldn’t* eat, completely twisting what God said.

Eve: “God hath said, ‘Ye shall not eat it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.’”
Must be true, or she has lied, and sinned.

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Be Not Deceived

Deut. 11:16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart **be not deceived**,

1 Cor. 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived...**

1 Cor. 15:33 **Be not deceived**: evil company corrupt good morals.

Gal. 6:7-8 **Be not deceived**; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Jam. 1:13-16 ...every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. **Do not err**, my beloved brethren.



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Triggers for the Teens

- Peer pressure
- Social media
- Boredom / nothing to do / nothing planned
- Pushing buttons / aggravation
- Getting off task
- Being alone
- Unfilled life expectations / hopes
- Where we go
- What we read
- Internet
- What we watch
- Stress / anxiety
- What we listen to
- Tiredness / lack of sleep
- FOMO

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 - being alone
 - staying up late
 - a place you go
 - people you're with
 - talking about certain topics
 - etc.





How we imagine the internet.

A large, dark-colored pipe extends from the left side of the frame, discharging a thick, yellowish-brown liquid into a body of water. The liquid is highly viscous and turbulent, creating a large splash and ripples in the water. The background shows a grassy area with some fallen branches.

**What 99% of the
internet actually is.**

Where did sin originate?

1. The serpent (v1, 4)
2. Eve (v6)
3. Adam (v6)

The **order of responsibility** was **reversed**.

God addressed:

1. Adam (v9, 11)
2. Eve (v13)
3. The serpent (v14)

1. God did not hold the serpent morally responsible like He did Adam & Eve.
2. While the serpent did lie (v4), it was not a “sin” because he did not have the ability to reason with morals like they could.
3. If the serpent’s lie was a sin, that was the first sin, not Adam/Eve’s disobedience.



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“where are you?” v9

“who told you that you were naked?” v11

“Have you eaten of the tree that I told you not to eat from?” v11

2. Eve

“What have you done?” v13

3. The serpent (v14)

Questions – to reveal character & motive

Gen. 3:9	God to Adam	<i>Where art thou?</i>
Gen. 3:13	God to the woman	<i>What is this thou hast done?</i>
Gen. 4:9	God to Cain	<i>Where is Abel thy brother?</i>
Num. 22:28	Ass to Balaam	<i>What have I done unto thee?</i>
Num. 22:32	God to Balaam	<i>Why hast thou smitten thine ass?</i>
1 Kin. 19:9	God to Elijah	<i>What doest thou here?</i>
2 Kin. 5:25	Elisha to Gehazi	<i>Whence comest thou?</i>
2 Kin. 20:14	Isaiah to Hezekiah	<i>From whence came they to thee?</i>
Jon. 4:4	God to Jonah	<i>Doest thou well to be angry?</i>
Matt. 22:12	The King	<i>How camest thou in here ...?</i>
Matt. 26:50	Jesus to Judas	<i>Friend, wherefore art thou come?</i>
Mark 9:33	Jesus to disciples	<i>What were you disputing...?</i>
John 6:5	Jesus to Philip	<i>Whence shall we buy bread...?</i>
Acts 5:8	Peter to Sapphira	<i>...ye sold the land for so much?</i>
Acts 9:4	Jesus to Saul	<i>Why persecutest thou me?</i>

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No questions. Just curses. SIN is the major problem of our life.

*Before God pronounced punishment upon Adam & Eve,
He provided hope.*

Family language in the curse

Gen. 3:16-17

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt **bring forth children**; and thy desire shall be to **thy husband**, and he shall rule over thee.

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of **thy wife**, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.

v20 – And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was **the mother of all living**.

This is Adam's first action after the curse,
and they will begin *dying*! (**2:17**)

Same spirit as: **Num. 14:21** – all will die...but the earth will be filled...

Hab. 1-2 – destruction comes...but the just shall live...

Rom. 7:18-19, 24 (ESV)

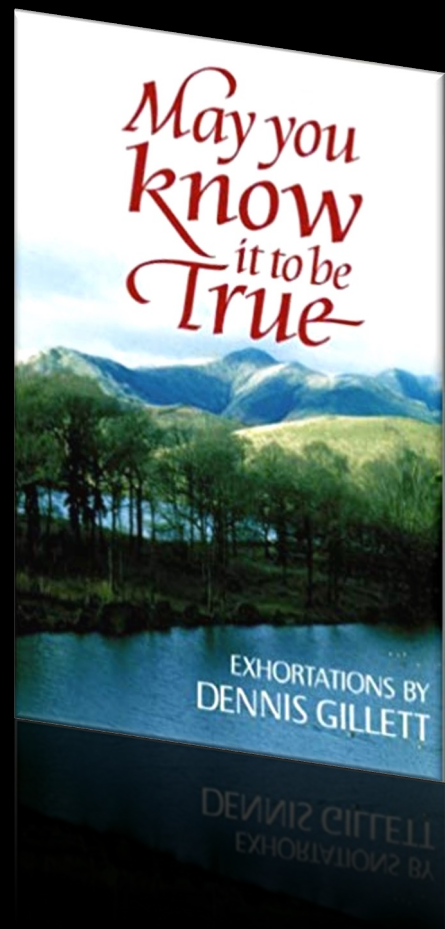
For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For **I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.**

For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

There are days of mortification which succeed and days which fail. The old man with his deeds is not put off so easily. The painted glitter still attracts. The man who said, “That which I hate I do”, also said this: “Christ lives in me.”



Dennis Gillett

May You Know It To Be True, pg. 108

Spotlight on today's issues:

“Gender equality and women’s empowerment are a top priority...”

UN Secretary General

Roles of men & women

Adam was formed first, then Eve.

1 Tim. 2:11-14

The man is not of the woman, but
the woman of the man.

1 Cor. 11:8



Gal. 3:26-29

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: **for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Men and women are equal heirs of salvation,
but their God-given roles are *complimentary*, though different.

Roles did not change after sin

	Before the sin in the garden	After the sin in the garden
Man	2:15 “put into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it”	3:17-18 ground was cursed with thorns & thistles; “in sorrow shalt thou eat of it...”
Woman	1:27-28 “be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth”	3:16 “in sorrow you shall bring forth children”
Serpent	3:1 “serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made”	3:14 “cursed are you more than all cattle and more than every beast of the field...”

1 Tim. 2:11-14

Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

“to domineer over”

The 2 reasons for the roles:

- ① The order of creation – *before* sin happened
- ② The woman took on serpent-thinking, being deceived
Adam “obeyed” her persuasive voice – Gen. 3:17
She showed the character of the strange woman of Prov. 7

Men & women working together

- Abraham & Sarah – showing hospitality
- Moses & Miriam – leading the nation out of Egypt
- Elkanah & Hannah – raising up a leader for the nation
- Barak & Deborah – delivering Israel from Midian
- Husband & wife of Shunem – providing for the needs of Elisha
- Husband & wife of Prov. 31 – guiding the city and the home
- Mordecai & Esther – saving the nation
- Zacharias & Elisabeth – raising the forerunner of the Messiah
- Joseph & Mary – raising the Savior
- Philip & his daughters – preaching the Truth
- Aquila & Priscilla – teaching the Truth

Take Away Points

Win the battle before temptation becomes sin.

Don't let your sins become greater than your confidence in God's mercy.

