



In this part of our True North series, we are looking at the question “What Went Wrong?” We begin by looking at “The Problem”. What is it that went wrong with humanity and the world? What is the actual problem facing us? See, if we don’t understand the problem, we will never understand the solution. So let’s look at what the Bible says about our collective problem.

Read: Genesis 2:15-17

What does God clearly say in this passage, and why does it matter?

No one knows why God placed the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden. What we do know, though, is that God said everything about His creation was good. This means the tree had a good purpose for being there- it just wasn’t for Adam and Eve to eat. But we all know the story- they do wind up eating the fruit, and sin enters the world.

Read: 1 John 3:4

When you think of sin, is this how you think about it? What about this definition of sin makes sense to you?

Read: Romans 7:14-25

Do you resonate with Paul’s description of our struggle with sin?

What kind of power does sin have over us?

What does Paul say the answer to our sin problem is?

Though sin brings death and separation from God, the gift of God is eternal life through what Jesus did on the Cross. Take a moment to thank Him for what He has done for you!

Prayer:

Father, thank You for sending your own Son to the Cross so that we could be freed from sin. Holy Spirit, help me in my daily struggle against sin. May I see Your fruit growing in my life rather than the acts of the sinful nature. May I come to love Your ways more and more. Use me as a messenger of Your Gospel- that You have made a way for all people to be free from sin. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

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