

Confirmation Class – 2/21/2010
Oak Grove UMC
Crisis – What Have We Gotten Ourselves Into?
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1. **Welcome, Introduction and Review of last week:** *Character: Christ-likeness, Who Were We Intended to Be...*
 - *God created a world that was/is good and beautiful*
 - *We are made in the image of God...To be made in the image of God means that we have the capacity to love and to do good while reflecting His goodness and grace.*
 - *We are created to be in God's world. This shows intended relationships between creatures and the Divine, between creatures themselves and between creatures and creation.*

2. **Today's Topic:** *Crisis: What Have We Gotten Ourselves Into?* **Read Gen. 3**
****Absentees Choose three questions to answer on a separate sheet of paper and email to Matt****
 - What did you picture in your mind as you read/listened to this story?
 - What did the serpent say about God?
 - Why do you think Adam and Eve ate the fruit? What do you think they desired?
 - As a result their choice how did Adam and Eve's relationship with God change?
 - How did Adam and Eve's relationship change?
 - How are we like Adam and Eve?
 - Where do we see the effects of separation from God and His Kingdom in our world? Our relationships? How we treat the earth and animals? Your own life? How you feel about yourself?

3. **Implications: view Wingclips movie clips**
****Absentees go to Wingclips and search for the titles below to view clips****
 - **The Blue Butterfly-Symbiosis**: this is about dependency, relationship, growth, meeting needs, the harmonization of creature to creation...What does this clip say to you in light of today's topic?
 - **Amazing Grace-Now I See**: this about broken relationships with one another, profit over people, race over relation, power over person...God didn't intend for this in relationships but it has occurred since biblical times however, on the other side of this is enlightenment, grace and redemption. Think about those times you have sought superiority over another being, what does this say about a need you have?
 - **Entertaining Angels: I Need You**:
 - **Secret of the Cave—Good Advice**: broken relationships occur in every phase of life and creation, but some of the most damning to our being is broken relationships among those whom we love. How do we handle relationships with those whom we love? How do we determine whether the brokenness is due to our failure or to a circumstance in which we have no control?
 - **Noah's Arc—It is Done**: the good news is that God wants a restored relationship and has created a path to that act of restoration.