

I Love to Tell the Story
Application Questions

Genesis 1-3

Before Adam and Eve sinned, they not only knew that God loved them, they also *felt* loved by Him.

When they sinned, it was their shame and guilt that made them want to hide from God.

Some hear God's question, "Where are you?" as an angry parent asking a rhetorical question, but it can also be heard as a heart-broken parent looking for their lost child.

When you close your eyes to pray to God—if you were to look in His face, would you see Him frowning at you or smiling at you?

How far away would the distance between you be? (God "way up there" and you "down here"?)

Genesis 4-11

We get three clear pictures of what is at the core nature of the Adam's family in these chapters!

At heart, people are self-righteous. (This includes good attributed to self which is—exaggerated, falsely motivated, good only in appearance, mostly the work of others, unintentionally done.)

At heart, people are self-indulgent. (This includes thoughts that are dirty, unkind, proud, covetous, jealous, doubting, complaining, judgmental, and actions that are selfish, stingy, slothful, fearful, complaining, gluttonous, over-sensitive, lustful, revengeful, bitter, impure, unkind, or rude.)

At heart, people are self-exalting. (This includes depending on money, on others, on talent, on connections, fearing others or future potential losses or weaknesses; thinking own way is best, God's way is impossible or unsatisfying or confining.)

Below list the ways that you can see these traits in your own life:

Gen. 12-22

Abraham wasn't asked to come up with a big plan of something to do *for* God. He was asked to **respond** to the big plan God wanted to do through him.

What was his response when God told him to leave Ur and go "to the place I will show you"?

What was his response when God told him to offer Isaac at "the place I will show you"?

It has been said that it is easier to do something for God than to be worked on by God. Why is it more difficult simply to respond to what God shows us that He wants?

If God were to show you clearly what He wants you to do, what would your response be?