Part 2: The First Battle in Eden

¹ The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" ² "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. ³ "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die." ⁴ "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵ "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." (Genesis 3:1-5 NLT) 1. Wise Christian people do not follow advice. ¹ The truly happy person doesn't follow wicked advice, doesn't stand on the road of sinners, and doesn't sit with the disrespectful. ² Instead of doing those things, these persons love the Lord's instruction, and they recite God's instruction day and night! ³ They are like a tree replanted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don't fade. Whatever they do succeeds. (Psalm 1:1-3 CEB) 2. Who you hang out with and listen to can _____ your life. Don't fool yourselves. Bad friends will destroy you. (1 Corinthians 15:33 CEV) 3. Jesus is the rock that people ______ over, and people get offended by the Bible

"He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them. (1 Peter 2:8 NLT)