

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CONNECT PARTY

TONIGHT at 5:30pm!

Join us for a fun evening filled with light appetizers, desserts, laughter and a chance to meet and get to know others at Element. Come connect with the leadership and the church.

RSVP THIS MORNING FOR DIRECTIONS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

We now have two times available for the Women's Bible Study; Wednesday Morning at 9:30am (Element) & Every other Monday evening at 7pm (Judy's home.) Email women@ourelement.org for more info & to sign up!

eKIDS! SCHOOL WARS

Wednesday, September 30th, 6:30pm.

Gather up all your elementary school friends and represent your school at our first annual school wars! Join us as schools pit against each other in games, like life-sized hungry hungry hippos and Human Foosball! You can get your pencil invites in the Elementary room!

PUMPKIN KILLING!

Sunday, October 25th!

It's Back! Mark your calendars for Element's Pumpkin Killing and get ready to shoot, sling, carve and eat pumpkins!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

Thank you for joining us today. This is a short note to let you know that we know what you are thinking: It is hot and cramped in this room. We want to acknowledge with you that yes, the front room is full, the kids rooms are full, and it can get warm. We are working on alleviating this right now by building our own building on the land just north of us (we must be out of this one by December 2016).

There is a lot that goes into the process of Element having a permanent home, but we hope that today you are first drawn to Jesus before you are overwhelmed by anything else. If it gets too hot we

may hand out popsicles to help you cool off and give you a sugar rush. If you would like a service that has open seats (and is cooler), you are invited to our 8:15am service. Please understand that all of these "challenges" are because of our love for Jesus, people, and growth that has come quickly. These are good things. We hope you will stay as we work to make more room for you to be part of the good thing Jesus is doing here. If you would like more information about our building process or how you can participate you can visit www.elementroots.org.

- The Element Team

LEGENDS OF THE FALL

TODAY'S VERSES:

1 Corinthians 15:48-49

Romans 5:12

Genesis 1:26-27

Genesis 2:4-7, 9

Genesis 2:15-17

Genesis 2:23

Genesis 3:7-8, 15

Revelation 14:6

Genesis 3:20, 24

Romans 5:8-11

2 Corinthians 2:17

1 Corinthians 15:45-49v

MY NOTES:

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As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:48-49

Today we start a new series called Legends of the Fall. In our previous series, Coloring Book All-Stars, we looked at many of the heroes of the Bible that would be found in kids Bible coloring books. Legends of the Fall is the inversion of Coloring Book All-Stars because we will be looking at the “bad guys” in the Bible, those who if they did make it into the coloring book aren’t always cast in the best light.

Who are the most memorable ‘bad guys’ in your mind from movies and television? Why?

Who are the most memorable from history? Why?

The first “legend” of the fall is actually two people, Adam and Eve, our first parents. Many times they are cast in a positive light, but all that we know of our fallen world begins with them, it is why Aaron called them “patient zero.”

What comes to mind when you think of Adam and Eve?

Mankind was made in the image of God, which means we have dignity and worth because our value comes from God. When God uses words like “image/likeness” these are synonyms. Mankind is the only thing that is said to bear the image of God. John Calvin wrote, “*As a mirror reflects an image so man is to reflect God*”

How would you say you are reflecting God?

What does God look like based upon your reflection of Him?

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. The creation account also reminds us that men and women are equal and distinct at the same time. Male and female, made in the image of God. If we love each other, we reflect the love of the Trinity.

God’s vision for creation:

- **Shalom:** Peace. It means everything is in the right place at the right time in the right relationship. God’s favor and blessing.
- **Tov:** Good. The word refers to everything good in the broadest sense possible. That which is beautiful, attractive, useful, profitable, and morally right. God says what is peace and good for mankind.

Are there things that you think God has said that are good that you do not agree with?

Are there things that God has said are NOT good that you disagree with?

What happens when you disagree with God? Who wins?

God created Adam and Eve and placed them in the garden to steward and care for it. Everything seems set up the right way when Genesis chapter 3 introduces us to a new character, the serpent. The serpent crafts an argument that makes Eve, and eventually Adam, question God’s right to call certain things good while saying other things aren’t. Adam and Eve begin to believe the lie that easily entangles us today; that we know better than God what is good.

When is the last time you did what you thought was best knowing it was not what God said was best?

How did it work out?

Eventually Adam and Eve disobey God and live how they feel they should. Instead of becoming more free, they become enslaved to their own sin and die. That sin is now passed on to every person who is ever born; we now inherit Adam’s mistake (not that we would do any better).

But God promises a rescue in Genesis 3:15. God promises that He will send a savior to pay for the sin of Adam, Eve, and for us. Jesus will eventually come as a ‘second Adam’ to save those whom the first Adam destroyed.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:45-49.

Where Adam and Eve failed, Jesus succeeded. We can now have relationship with God, others, and we become new people. We can love, serve, help, and care.

How can an understanding of Adam and Eve better influence our relationships with those who need to hear about the Gospel?

What is the Gospel?