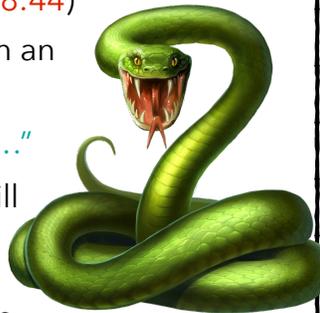


The Bible tells us we are in a fight, but it's important to know *who* we're supposed to be fighting. Our enemy is not God or other people. Here's how Jesus described our enemy:

"He was a _____ from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a _____ and the _____ of lies." (John 8:44)

Why is our enemy described in such an ugly way? **Genesis 3:1-7** gives us a clear answer. That "ancient serpent..."



- ❖ _____ God's will
"Did God actually say..." (3:1)
- ❖ _____ God's words
"Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" (3:1)
- ❖ _____ about the consequences of disobeying God
"You will not surely die." (3:4)
- ❖ Encouraged Eve to _____ God's goodness
"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God..." (3:5)

Just like Adam and Eve, when I sin, I...

- _____ what isn't mine
- Do what _____ want to do
- Do what is good in my _____ eyes

For Class & Family Discussion:

- A liar is someone who...
- What does Jesus mean when he describes Satan as "the father of lies"?
- Let's think through those four points in **Genesis 3**. Why is it a very dangerous thing to:
 - Challenge God's will?
 - Twist God's words?
 - Lie about the consequences of disobeying God?
 - Encourage anyone to doubt God's goodness?
- According to **Deuteronomy 10:12-13**, why has God commanded and warned us?
- Back in **John 8:44**, Jesus described Satan as "a murderer from the beginning." What happened in **Genesis 3** that would make Jesus say that sort of thing?

This Wednesday:

**Our Adversary
the Devil**