

Family Discipleship Resource

September 1-7
(Genesis 2:10-17)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

Thank you for establishing boundaries in this world that contribute to my flourishing. Help me to know these and follow these according to Your will.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Genesis 2:10-17)

“Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. The Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.’”

O – Observe what God has said

What made Eden so wonderful/beautiful?

Why do you suppose God gives the command that he does here?

W – Work on Application

Ultimately, the boundaries as presented in the Garden of Eden were intended by God to provide not only the best for His greatest ever creation, but to pave the way for the very best from them as well. The garden and the commands both to work and refrain from the tree of knowledge of good and evil demonstrate that even in a perfect world, there are divinely appointed limits. These limits are not intended to keep humanity from knowing abundance. Quite the contrary, they are intended to pave the way for the greatest abundance. Man was designed as a cultivator and a free moral being. Such precious gifts require the boundaries necessary to keep mankind within God's will.

What are some of the God-given boundaries that we need to follow in our lives today?

How can we encourage each other to obey the Lord?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *“The Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.’-Genesis 2:16-17*