Lesson 4 | The Crusher of the Serpent

"And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel." Gen. 3:15

Opening Question: What does it mean for you to live today as someone who has been rescued from the rule and power of the serpent?

"Did God actually say…?"
- Question God's Word.
- Distort God's character.
- Make disobedience look desirable.
- Life apart from God.

Sin begins when we believe a lie about God.

The protoevangelium, the first gospel promise
God announces that He intends to rescue them.
An important truth: God's plan to rescue His people was not an afterthought.

The Thread:
Jesus delivers His people from the rule and power of Satan. The enemy will be defeated by the promised offspring of the woman.

We don't have to live under the enemy's rule.
- We don't have to approach spiritual warfare wondering who will win, Jesus already secured the ultimate victory.

We don't have to believe the serpent's lies.

The serpent says: "God cannot be trusted."	Scripture says: God is faithful.
The serpent says: "You need to take control."	Scripture says: Trust God.
The serpent says: "You will find life apart from God."	Scripture says: Jesus is life.
The serpent says: "You are condemned and alone."	Scripture says: Jesus came to rescue and reconcile.

The goal is to train our hearts to recognize truth quickly when lies come.

What Can I Learn of Christ Here?

- Christ is the promised Deliverer.

- Christ came to destroy the works of the devil.

- Christ conquers through apparent weakness.

- Christ delivers us from slavery to fear and death.

- Christ is the stronger One.

- Christ is our Deliverer.

- Christ's victory is certain.

The Bible Isn't about YOU!

The Bible is not the story of humanity trying to find its way back to God.
It is the story of God coming to rescue his people.

When our circumstances look like Genesis 3—when something feels broken, frightening, unfair, or hopeless—we must remember that this is not the end of the story. We are standing in the middle of the story. And in the middle of the story, we belong to Jesus.

"So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
Oh God, the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
Oh God, the battle belongs to You" – Battle Belongs, Phil Wickham