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Why is it So Hard to
Believe God Loves Me?

Genesis 3:1-6

A. The Genesis scene is set. Adam and Eve live in the paradise of Eden where everything is perfect. Then the devil shows up. In one simple-sounding and innocent-appearing question, insecurity makes its debut: *Did God really say...*

1. At first, Eve responds correctly. Then... she reconsiders. Then... she rationalizes. Then...everything changed.

2. Satan didn't blatantly tempt her. All he had to do was plant a seed of doubt.

B. *Did God really say ...you are loved? ...you have what it takes? ...you don't have to keep earning His favor?*

1. Like Eve, we respond correctly at first. Then...we reconsider. Then...we listen to the voices of others. Then...everything changes.

2. What if Eve said: *Yes! That is what God said and I believe it. No, I'm not going to stand here and listen to your lies!* Things would have been quite different. What if you said the same?

I. Listening to the Father of Lies (John 8:44)

A. From the moment you take your first breath, Satan wants to suffocate you with lies. Or with doubt. *Did God really say?*

1. Sometimes he uses others to do his lying for him.

- A parent: *You're not good enough!*
- A sibling: *You'll never amount to anything!*
- A peer: *You don't fit in here—or anywhere!*

2. We listen as the words wound and crack open our hearts.

B. John 8:1-11 – “He stooped down and wrote on the ground...”

1. What did He write? Whatever it was, it was truth.

2. What Jesus did for her, He will do for you: He will cover Satan's lies with truth and love.

II. The Lies (5 lies Satan tells us that we tend to believe)

Lie #1: “I have to be _____.” Heb.10:14

Lie #2: “I need to be more like _____.” Luke 10:41

Lie #3: “I don't have anything to _____.” Rom.12:6; 1 Pet.4:10

Lie #4: “I am who others say _____.”

Lie #5: “I am _____.”

Faith dare:
Who will you believe?