

**Eden Series**  
**Part One**  
**6/22/19**  
**NN Campus**

**Opening**

-yard sale...birthdays...

-Genesis 3:22-24

*-God told mankind to get out because He wanted us to stay forever when we returned.*

-Welcome to our new series, Eden...part one.

-(pray)

**Introduction**

*-My belief is that it was God's plan all along to evict mankind from the Garden of Eden, to expose mankind to a fallen world, to equip mankind for eternal life!*

-This series is all about looking back at the Eden that once was, to give us a vision for the Eden that is yet to come, to understand the meaning of life in the here and now.

-God gives us these stories (Scripture) so we can understand our story because we are a part of His story! (mankind collectively and individually)

-So let's look at the story of Adam and Eve...

**Adam and Eve**

**-Genesis 3:1-12 (from Bible)**

-Genesis 2:15-22 (from Bible)

-(how do you child proof a room?)

**-Why do we insist on saying Eden was perfect if Satan was allowed to be there and a tree with forbidden fruit was allowed to grow there?**

## **Immunization Revelation**

-(tell story of Herb Whitlow, wood working shop, most beautiful carvings, he was the first person as a child I can recall knowing who was in a wheel chair, had no used of legs...he had suffered from Polio earlier in life.)

-Anyone here have a friend now who because of polio is in a wheel chair?

-That's because in 1955 a vaccine was introduced to prevent this terrible disease...it is a virus that can be deadly, often attacking the brain and spinal cord leading to paralysis.

**-Immunization:** *is the process whereby a person is made immune or resistant to an infectious disease, typically by the administration of a vaccine.*

**-Vaccines:** *a way to stimulate the body's own immune system to protect the person against subsequent infection or disease by introducing safe levels of the disease to their body.*

-If this is foreign to you...you can watch World War Z!

-My first real job was with the Christian Children's Fund, an international child sponsorship agency, worked there 5 years after college...and one of the most saddening realities was how many children died from preventable diseases around the world...

- *An estimated 18.7 million infants worldwide are still not being reached by routine immunization services.*
- *An estimated 1.5 million of those children die.*

## **Virology of Humanity**

-can I teach you a new term tonight...the virology of humanity.

-Lucifer

- Revelation 12:7-9...his rebellion
- Luke 10:18...his fall

- Ezekiel 28:14...his role
- Isaiah 14:12-14...his pride

-how do you rebel against the glory of God...how do you risk that?

-I believe Satan was vulnerable to rebellion because he never had a comparative experience...he needed a rebellion vaccination!

-I think God decided to create a being that would be ready for the glory of paradise...mankind.

-Let me say it this way...***We aren't ready for the glory of Heaven until we have endured this life. Because after we have suffered here, we will never want anything else but the glory that awaits us there!***

*-You and I are in desperate need for a rebellion immunization that only comes through the vaccination of suffering...getting me ready for eternal glory!*

## **Suffering**

-1 Thessalonians 5:18

-James 1:2-4

-Matthew 5:10-12

-1 Peter 4:12-19

## **Band**

-**Genesis 3:16-19** (it's our humanity that was made from the dust but what makes us eternal came from God...)

-The curse is the blessing...making me ready for Heaven.

## **Close**

-Hebrews 11:13-16a