

## **False Faith (Gen. 1:26-31, 3:1-7)**

Intro: Sin is like....

*“Deal with sin, as it would deal with you; spare it not, for it will not spare you...Kill it, before it kills you...”* – Richard Baxter

What is the first step in fighting this enemy?

*“If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.”* – Sun Tzu

What this mini-series will be all about

### **Sin as false faith**

Scams

We would never be so easily tricked!

Right from the beginning, Adam and Eve knew who they could place their faith in

The serpent appears, and we’re told one thing about him (3:1)

His script

**Statement #1: Did God really say? {isn’t God a killjoy?}**

What he does

How Eve says No

Depersonalising God

**Statement #2: You will not certainly die {isn’t God untrustworthy?}**

Whose words are right?

**Statement #3: Your eyes will be opened {isn’t God holding you back?}**

The irony

**What’s the solution?**

Jesus: from the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-11) to the Garden

- We need to fight sin not just at the level of action, but at the level of belief
- To fight false faith, deepen your grasp of God’s Word