

**WHY IS LIFE SO DIFFICULT?  
UNDERSTANDING GOD'S REDEMPITIVE DISCIPLINE  
Genesis 3:16-24**

- I. **THE LORD GOD REVEALS THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN: Relational and physical difficulty ending in death (3:16-19)**
  - A. **For Eve (and Adam): Pain and relational problems because of sin (3:16)**
    - 1. Difficulty in bearing and raising offspring (16a)
  
    - 2. Problems in marriage (16b)
      - a) Her default desire, because of sin will be to control him
  
      - b) Because of sin, he will sinfully dominate her
  
  - B. **For Adam (and ultimately all of us): The struggle to survive, ending with death (3:17-19)**
    - 1. Because Adam listened to the wrong voice and disobeyed God (17a)
  
    - 2. The ground is cursed bringing painful toil (17b-19a)
  
    - 3. Physical death (19b)
  
- II. **Yet we see...FAITH IN THE MIDST OF REPROOF (3:20)**
  
- III. **MAN'S REDEMPTION FORESHADOWED: A death on their behalf, covering and acceptance (3:21)**
  
- IV. **MAN IS GRACIOUSLY BANISHED IN HOPE (3:22-24)**