

Lesson 7 : The Fall and Gender



Rejoicing in God's Good Design





God's Design Shattered

Genesis 2:16-17



Adam: head

Eve: helper

“It is likely that Satan (in the form of a serpent), in approaching Eve first, was attempting to institute a role reversal by tempting Eve to take the leadership in disobeying God.”

Wayne Grudem

God's Design Shattered

Genesis 3:1-3

God



Adam: don't eat



Eve: don't touch

Satan Undercuts God's Authority

Genesis 3:4-5

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die." ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

- **His outright lie:** rejection and denial of God's authority
- **He implicates and attacks God's character,** undercutting God's authority
- **He tempts Eve** to reject God's authority

Satan Undercuts God's Authority

Genesis 3:6

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Eve substitutes her own truth.

Eve rejects:

- **The authority of God**
- **Her place as a creature**
- **The wisdom of God**
- **The authority and place of her husband**

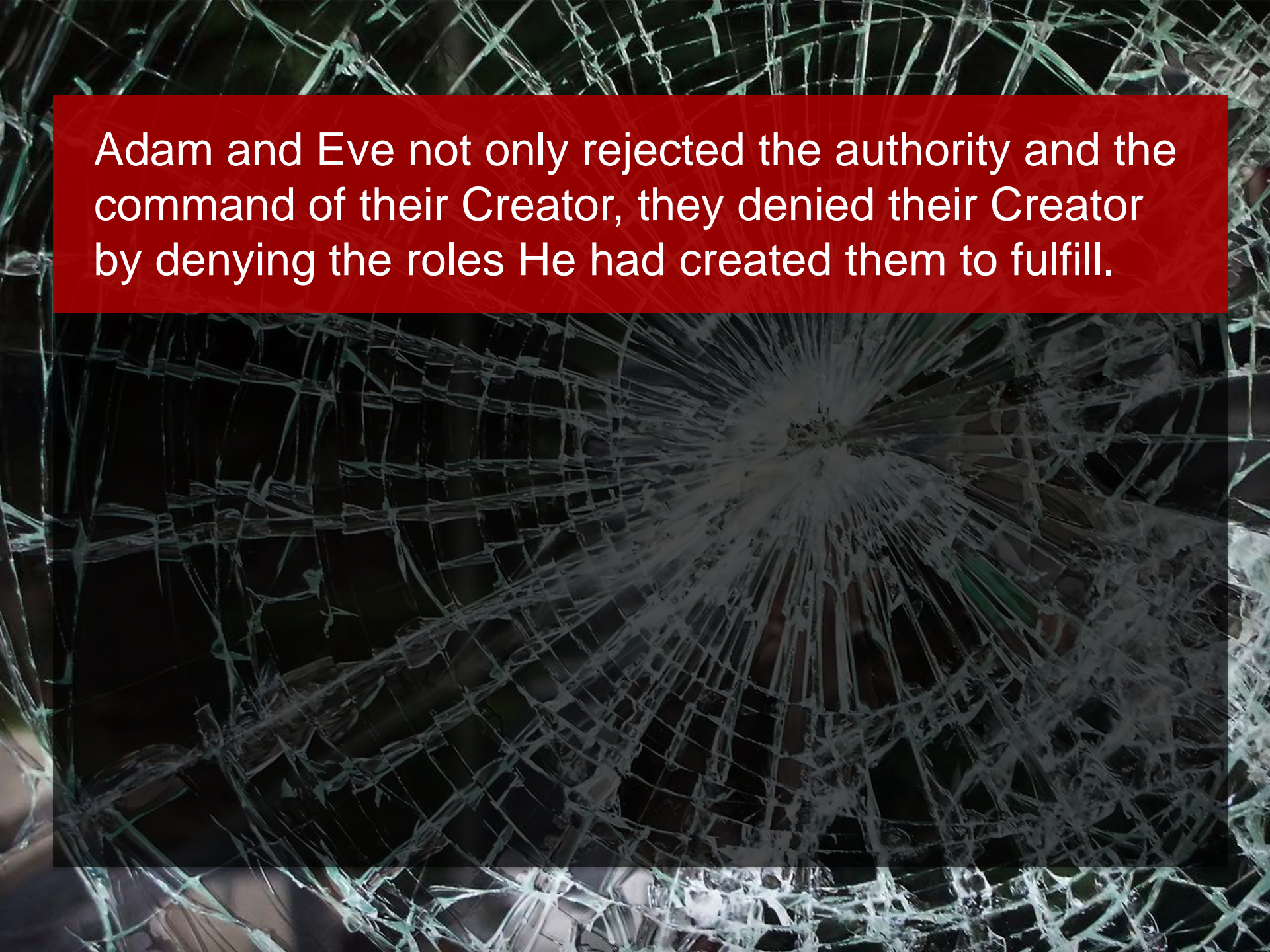
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Adam rejected:

- His God-given authority
- His God-given role
- God's design and authority



Adam and Eve not only rejected the authority and the command of their Creator, they denied their Creator by denying the roles He had created them to fulfill.

The Consequence of Sin

Genesis 3:7

Shame for:

- Their sin
- Their creatureliness (including their bodies and gender differences)

This deep sense of shame gave them a new desire to cover, hide, and protect themselves. It also gave them a deep sense of fear.

The Consequence of Sin

Genesis 3:8-10

Genesis 3:11-13

Adam blames:

- The woman, Eve
- God

Eve blames:

- The Serpent

Adam is no longer rejoicing in Eve.



**REJECTING THE WORD
AND DESIGN OF GOD**



~~Rejoicing~~, discord,
blame, and resentment

Rejecting Gender Roles and Rejecting God

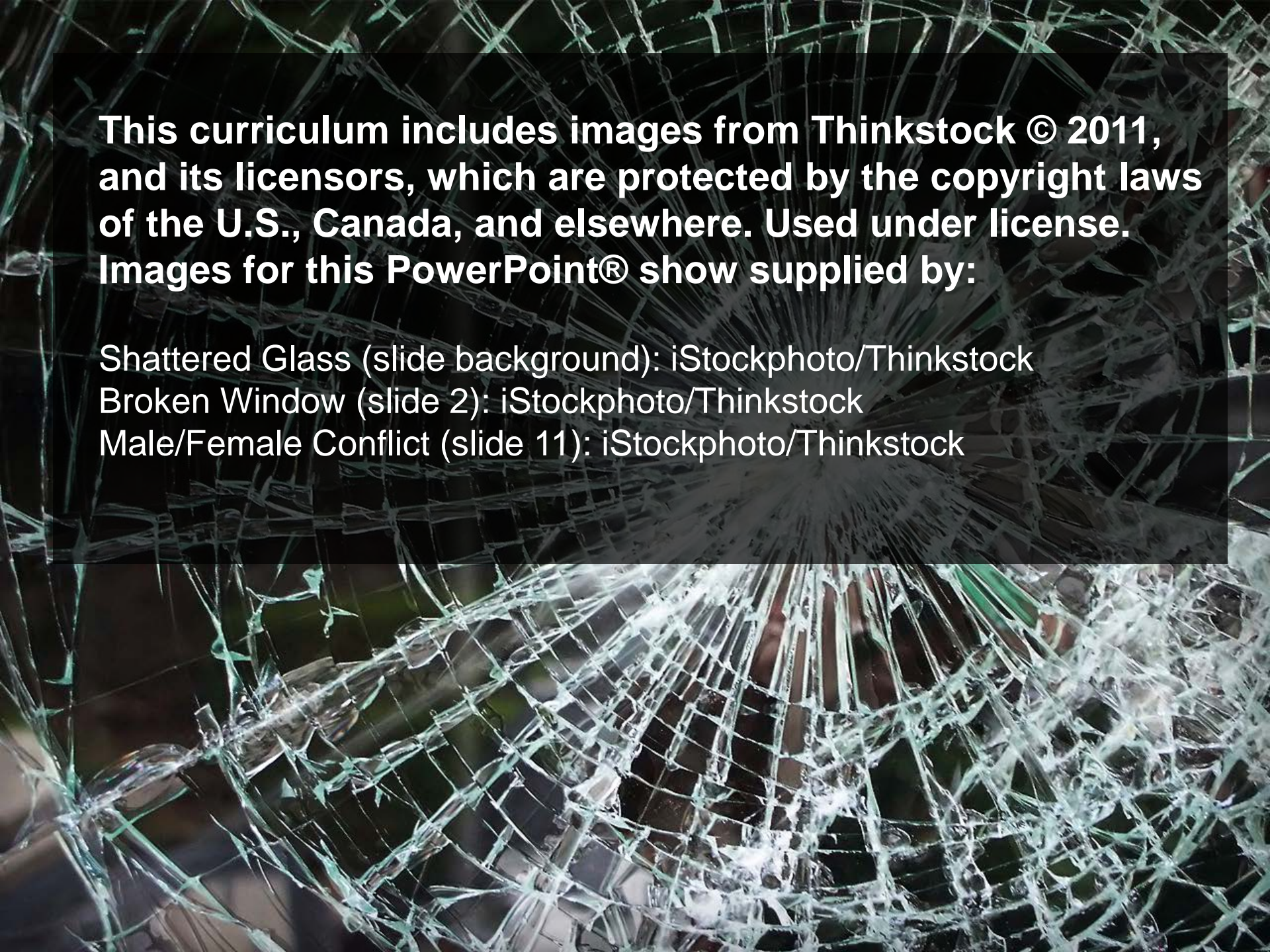
~~Authority of God~~

- Shame
- Fear
- Disharmony
- Pain

Eve should have yielded to the authority of God and her head, Adam.

Adam should have taken responsibility to protect his wife and done what was right.





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