

## Message Outline

*CP the Sequel: Power Tower*

**Romans 5:12-21, Genesis 3**



**Intro:** Last year's Cedar Point series...

- CP drew me in again: the sequel, this time to pair a Scripture character with a CP coaster..
- Second most scary ride at CP...
  - Power Tower and the Fall of Man...

**Read:** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-6

v.15—God given place and purpose to be lived out of obedience.

v.1—A well-placed question to a well-placed person...subtle usurping of God's ordering.

v.2-3—Adding to instruction...appears like oppression.

v.4-5—Contradiction of command and a question of God's character...

v.6—Appetites already provided by God (2:9).

- The fallout: problems, pain, conflict, shame etc.

**Read:** Romans 5:12-21

v.12—Adam's Sin is OUR Sin!

- Sin not just in action but in origin...
  - Born broken and with a bent toward sin (cf. Ps.51:5).
- Original sin becomes actualized sin (Rom.3:23, Mt. 15:18-20).

v.13—The Law points out our offense (cf.Gal.3:19).

v.14—Sin yields death (Rom.6:23).

- The Fall in our DNA, our decisions, our death (spiritual and physical)!

*\*God's prop in the drop: the cross (v.6-11)\**

v.15-21—The dual nature of the Power

Tower: one falling the other rising!!!

- The red line is the rising ride (cf. Rom.5:6-11 and the red shed blood for sinners!).
- Which line are you riding? (cf. 1Cor.15:20-23)



## Small Group

### Reflection Questions

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

#### Introductions

*Ice Breaker: Pipe cleaner personhood...*

*Read: Acts 1*

*\*What do you observe about the early church in Acts?*

*\*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. songs, sermon, something happening etc.)?*

#### Foundations

*\*In Genesis 3, what do you notice about evil's tactics in temptation? Compare and contrast with Jesus' temptation in Matthew 4:1-11.*

#### Applications

*\*How would you describe sin to someone asking about the Christian faith?*

*\*The church fathers categorized sin calling them the 7 Deadly Sins (pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, and sloth). Pick one and write where you see it most in society. Also, pick one to personally pray about this week for Christ's power to be unleashed in that area.*

*\*Following the Power Tower analogy between the fall of Adam and the rise of Christ, which line do you sense your life riding? Why?*