"Where Are You?"

Sunday, October 3, 2021, 10:30 a.m. Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI Pastor Jonathan DeCou *Genesis 3:1-24*

BIG IDEA: Come out of hiding from God...He knows right where you are anyway.

"So the LORD God called out to the man and said to him, 'Where are you?'" Genesis 3:9 (CSB)

- $\circ~$ What Adam tries to do for himself.
 - Adam tries to <u>cover</u> himself.
 - Adam tries to <u>hide</u> himself.
 - Adam tries to justify himself.
- What God does for Adam (& us).
 - God <u>covers</u> Adam.
 - God <u>hides</u> Adam.
 - God justifies Adam.

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THINK: Reflect on this "hide-'n'-seek" story and then ask yourself these questions: What food(s) do you find irresistible? What do you think Adam and Eve's "clothes" looked like? Why does the text describe Adam and Eve having shame after eating the forbidden fruit? What was the reason Adam and Eve hid from God? Why do Adam and Eve shift blame? How do we play the "blame game" with God and others? How does this affect our relationships? Why does God give Adam and Eve new clothes? At what cost were those clothes provided? Why does God ask His question, "Where are you?" What hope does God extend to Adam and Eve in these verses?

DO: Identify any areas in your life where you might be "hiding" from God. Take notice of the ways you try to "cover up" your sin and failure. Where are you blaming, justifying and rationalizing sin in your life today? How do you need God to be gracious to you today?