

## November 30, 2025, Sermon Study Guide

Brian Bales - THE Baby Story: *Hopeful*



### Scripture Focus – Genesis 3:1–15 (ESV)

A Life Application Discussion Guide: James 1:22-25 tells us to put into practice what we are discovering in God’s word.

### Conversation Starter:

What Christmas song brings you joy?

### Big Idea

The Baby Story is not only about Jesus forgiving our sins or securing our future in Heaven, it is about restoring the broken relationship between God and all of humanity right now, bringing lasting hope, peace, and life.

Consider the hope found in these phrases:

You broke it. I’ll make it right.

You lost life. I’ll restore it.

You think it’s about doing things. I’ll show you it’s about relationship.

KEY VERSE – Genesis 3:1

*He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”*

KEY VERSE – Genesis 3:5

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

KEY VERSE – Genesis 3:9

*“But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, ‘Where are you?’”*

KEY VERSE – Genesis 3:15

*“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”*

I. A Misrepresentation (Genesis 3:1–5) - Satan subtly misrepresents God’s character by implying that God is withholding something good.

Questions to consider:

- How does the enemy still use this tactic today?
- What substitutes for God do you turn to for comfort?

II. A Poor Choice (Genesis 3:7–8) - Adam and Eve’s disobedience brought shame and separation.

Questions to consider:

- Why do our choices fail to satisfy us?
- How does shame disrupt your relationship with God?

III. The Search (Genesis 3:9–11) - Even when we hide, God pursues us.

Questions to consider:

- What does God's question reveal about His heart?
- Why do we often hide when we feel broken?

IV. The Hope (Genesis 3:14–15) - God announces hope and redemption.

### Questions to consider:

- How does this passage point us to Jesus?

- How do we see hope here?

### V. Living with Hope Today

1. Recognize the Deception that can Sidetrack your Heart

2. Redirect your Focus toward Jesus

3. Move Beyond Self Reliance

4. Trust God's Promise

Take Away: Advent means *arrival* and the birth of the baby King Jesus brought the world hope of restored relationships, the defeat the enemy, and eternal hope for both today and eternity.