

<u>The Story of Everything</u> (Gen 3 / Philippians 2:5-11)

- To understand the Story of Everything, we must understand sin.
- Genesis 3:5
- The story of sin isn't all about rules; it's about relationship.
- When God says, "don't eat of that one tree," He doesn't say so to create an arbitrary line to see if they'll cross it or not.

I. Sin Happened Then, and It's Happening Today.

- A. Sin is the problem of the world, and sin is the problem in my world.
- B. Repent = teshuvah
  - Repentance is about realizing that the direction of my life is not toward God, and returning to Him.

II. In Flesh, We See Jesus Enter Our Great Story!

Revelation 22:13

## PASTOR BRIAN WERNER

## SUN GROVE CHURCH

III. With, For, and Ahead.

- A. With
  - Philippians 2:5-7
  - "Kenosis" is the word for emptying; how Jesus put aside use of his divine attributes without ceasing to be God.
  - The Incarnation, the "With" of Jesus means that God has not just written about Himself in a book, but he has written Himself personally into the story.
- B. For
  - Philippians 2:8
  - "Sin is man substituting himself for God, and Atonement is God substituting himself for man."
  - The Story of Everything is about a God who has been "For" you from the beginning and loves you so much he was willing to pay the ultimate price.
- C. Ahead
  - Philippians 2:9-11
  - Matthew 19:28
  - One day, Jesus will come again, and we will not only see Jesus, but His restoration!