Genesis 3:7-10

*7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.*

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*8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.*

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*9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"*

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*10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." (ESV)*

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Genesis 2:18-25

*18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."*

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*19 Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.*

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*20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.*

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*21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.*

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*22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.*

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*23 Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."*

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*24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

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*25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. (ESV)*

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Psalm 32:7

*You are a hiding place for me; You, Lord, preserve me from trouble, You surround me with songs and shouts of deliverance. Selah* [pause, and calmly think of that]! (AMP)

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Colossians 3:1-10

*1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

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*2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

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*3 For you have died, and your life is hidden (transparency) with Christ in God.*

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*4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

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*5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.*

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*6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming.*

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*7 In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.*

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*8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.*

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*9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices*

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*10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. (ESV)*

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Mark 4:22

*Everything that is now hidden or secret will eventually be brought to light. (NLT)*

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Jeremiah 23:23-24

*23 Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away?*

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*24 Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. (ESV)*

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Job 23:2-10

*2 My complaint today is still a bitter one, and I try hard not to groan aloud. 3 If only I knew where to find God, I would go to his throne and talk with him there.*

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*4 I would lay out my case and present my arguments. 5 Then I would listen to his reply and understand what he says to me.*

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*6 Would he merely argue with me in his greatness? No, he would give me a fair hearing. 7 Fair and honest people can reason with him, so I would be acquitted by my Judge.*

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*8 I go east, but he is not there. I go west, but I cannot find him. 9 I do not see him in the north, for he is hidden. I turn to the south, but I cannot find him.*

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*10 But he knows where I am going. And when he has tested me like gold in a fire, he will pronounce me innocent. (NLT)*

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Job 31::33-34

*33 Have I tried to hide my sins as people normally do, hiding my guilt in a closet?*

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*34 Have I feared the crowd and its contempt, so that I refused to acknowledge my sin and would not go outside? (NLT)*

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"Hiding delays, and often prevents repentance."

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II Corinthians 7:9-12

*9 As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us.*

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*10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.*

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*11 For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.*

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*12 So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one who did the wrong, nor for the sake of the one who suffered the wrong, but in order that your earnestness for us might be revealed to you in the sight of God. (ESV)*

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The word "repentance" in verse 10 is defined this way: "a reversal; a change of mind and a change in the inner man. But it gets even better! Let's look at...

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Hebrews 12:1-13

*1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,*

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*2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising (to think little of it; to pay no regard to it because it is of no account) the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

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*3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.*

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*4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.*

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*5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.*

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*6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.*

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*7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?*

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*8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.*

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*9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?*

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*10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.*

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*11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.*

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*12 Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees,*

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*13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. (ESV)*

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"God uses people significantly who walk with a significant limp."

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Romans 8:1-4

*1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are (hiding) in Christ Jesus.*

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*2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

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*3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,*

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*4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (ESV)*