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## > *Genesis 3:2-5* <

The woman said to the serpent. "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

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Isn't it amazing how the things we can't have are so often the things we want? You tell a child to not touch a cord and the first thing they do when you turn your back is sprint for the nearest corded item in sight! We're the same. You're the same. I am too. It's crazy how we obsess over those things that we shouldn't or can't have. Why is that?

I think it goes back to two things. First, we think that the thing we shouldn't have is mysterious and must be awesome (or else why would people not want us to have it). Second, most of us don't do a good job telling ourselves no. We want what we want when we want it, especially if we're not supposed to have it!

Here's the thing, the reason why some things are off limits is because we can't handle or should not have to handle the consequences that those things bring. Take the fruit in the Garden for example. God wanted Adam and Eve to live in a world where they didn't have to worry about what's wrong and what's right. God wanted them to live where their entire focus was on God. Then they ate. Their eyes were opened and life became a lot more complicated, for all of us!

The moral of the story is this. There are just some things in life that we either need to wait on or not do at all. There are also people in your life who want to help us know which fruit to try and which to leave alone. Find these people (parents are usually a good place to start) and listen, learn, and don't bite off more than you can chew!

### **Go and Do**

Make a list of those people who will help you look out for the rotten apples in life.

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