

Lesson: **Man's Quest For Character**

Lets contrast one man in the Bible who avoided His quest for character and one man who embraced His quest for character

Genesis 3:6

1. Adam

- Adam was with her. She was not alone
- He could have protected her but instead... he went passive and followed her lead
- Ever since Adam passively stood by... man has a sinful nature that requires intensional, Christ centered effort to change.

2. Jesus

Jesus came save us but also to model for us strong character like Him:

- 1. **He rejected passivity.** He saw the condition of mankind and took action to save us- Phil 2:5-9
 - He did not sit back passively and do nothing like Adam
- 2. **He accepted Responsibility.**
 - Adam failed to take responsibility in three areas:
 - Adam disobeyed God/Jesus obeyed- John 4:34
 - Adam did not do the work/Jesus worked- John 17:4
 - Adam did not love & protect his wife/Jesus loved his bride the church & still protects it to this day/Eph. 5:25
- 3. **He led courageously.**
 - Adam did not lead his wife. He provided no direction.
 - Jesus Provided direction. He said, "Follow me"- Matt. 4:19
 - Protect sheep. A good shepherd lays down his life- Jn. 10:11
 - Inspires others to be courageous. Life giving Spirit-1Cor.15:45
- 4. **He Invested Eternally.**
 - Adam invested in temporary pleasure- a bite of fruit.
 - Jesus invested in the eternal- He came to save our souls.
 - His desire was to change our eternal destiny... and He taught it to others- Matt. 6:19-20

If we are going to be like Jesus rather than Adam, we must also:

1. Reject Passivity
2. Take Responsibility
3. Lead Courageously
4. Invest Eternally