**My Church**Part 1 Chris Stotts

Matthew 16:18 …I will build my church and the gates of Hades shall not overcome it.”

(Genesis 2:8-9 NIV) Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

(Genesis 2:16-17 NIV) And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”

(Genesis 3:1-7 NIV) Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”. 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.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to get to God….

The Tree of Life — \_\_\_\_\_\_\_what Jesus already did.

(John 5:39-40 NIV) “You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil — Try to get God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Tree of Life — \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s love for me.

(Romans 5:8 NIV) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil — Focuses on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Tree of Life — Focuses on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(1 Samuel 16:7 NIV) The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil — Obey out of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Tree of Life — Obey out of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(1 John 5:3 NIV) This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome.

1. Fall in love with Jesus.

(John 14:15 NIV) If you love me, you will obey what I command.

(2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV) For Christ’s love compels us…

1. Respond to sin with life.

(John 3:17 MSG) God didn’t go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again.

1. Guard my heart from going back.

(1 John 5:12 NIV) He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.