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A Real Man Courageously
Follows God's Word



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SESSION 1

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- In this moment, Adam was called to courageously step forward and follow the instruction God had previously given him. Instead, he is overcome by the serpent's false promises, by his willingness to join Eve, and by his own spiritual "do nothing" passivity.

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