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## EPISODE TITLE: "That Darned Snake"

Failing, Falling and Flying, Episode 2

### Featured Guest: *Nadia Bolz-Weber*

Nadia Bolz-Weber is the founding pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints, an ELCA mission church in Denver, Colorado. She's a leading voice in the emerging church movement and her writing can be found in The Christian Century and Jim Wallis' God's Politics blog. She is author of *Salvation on the Small Screen? 24 Hours of Christian Television* (Seabury 2008) and the Sarcastic Lutheran blog.

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### Questions:

1. What tempts you?
2. Why do you suppose the historical contexts within which the two creation accounts in Genesis were written has so much to do with how they differ ?
3. How would you go about reconciling their distinct stories?
4. How does the temptation to focus on what we lack as opposed to what we have divert our attention from God? What are some examples ?
5. What difference can it make in our lives to trust that none of our mistakes have eternal consequences?

### Pneuma Divina Scripture: Genesis 3:14-24

14 The Lord God said to the serpent,
'Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.'
16 To the woman he said,
'I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children,
yet your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.'
17 And to the man he said,
'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
"You shall not eat of it",
cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
19 By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.'

20 The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all who live. 21 And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

22 Then the Lord God said, 'See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever'— 23 therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

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