

SLIDE 1

*“No more walking the path alone. No more carrying weight  
you*

*were not intended to bear. It’s time for you to enjoy the  
presence of the Holy Spirit and experience the vigorous life*

*God offers.”*

*(M. Lucado)*

## SLIDE 2

*“The value of other’ stories is not to tell us how or whether to proceed, rather it is to create a space of engagement within which we can find hope and inspiration ourselves.”*

*(P. Block)*

SLIDE 3  
TWO QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IF THE GARDEN OF EDEN—PARADIS—IS  
SOMEHOW STILL HERE, ALL AROUND US IF ONLY WE  
DARE TO BELIEVE ITS POSSIBILITY?

2. WHAT IS GOD—INFINITE LIGHT AND LOVE—  
CONTIUES TO WALK AND TALK WITH US DAILY IF ONLY  
WE WOULD NOT HIDE?

## SLIDE 4

### Key Differences

God exists as a loving community of three whose relationship is so joyful, pulsating, and vibrant that it has best been described as a dance.

God places within the human heart a small and glorious piece of God so that humans may grow to become as much like God as possible, joining in the dance, becoming partners with the Trinity

God is not surprised, God is not angry. God is sad as separation and the reality of free will play out.

God's says: "Your inheritance is waiting; the promises can still be cashed. Come home, I want you with me, I want to teach you to dance."

God can wait no longer and wades into the muck and sits down in the mire alongside us, becoming as much like us as possible for a while so that we can learn to be like God forever.

(Adapted from *God of Becoming and Relationship* by Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, DHL)

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflect on your thoughts/interpretations about what you see and hear?

What explanations do you give yourself?

Which creation story do these reflect?