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2. In verse 16 part of the curse on the woman is multiplied pain in childbirth (sorry, ladies!), and can be seen in a wider context of the whole conception, birth, child-raising continuum. How would you counsel someone who believes women should not accept any anesthetic for childbirth because of this verse’s teaching? Why? What other aspects of child-rearing may be indicated here?
3. How did the curse on the man involving working the soil in order to grow food crops differ from man’s work before the fall? Compare Genesis 2:15. What does this tell us about work (cite other Scripture texts on work)?
4. Verses 22-23 indicates that God did not want mankind to take from the tree of life and eat and live forever, so mankind was cast out of the garden. How does this square with Jesus’ teaching that He came to give an abundant life (John 10:10)? What does this say about God’s way of redemption?

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