



Ending the Blame Game
February 7, 2016

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Galatians 6:5, 7-9 (MSG)

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ENDING THE BLAME GAME:

1. I STOP BLAMING _____ AND _____ FOR MY CIRCUMSTANCES.

⁶ 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:6-8 (NIV)

✓ OUR FIRST RESPONSE TO SHAME IS _____.

¹⁰ He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

Genesis 3:10-13 (NIV)

✓ WE LIKE TO MINIMIZE OUR _____ BY MAKING OTHERS LOOK _____.

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Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT)

2. IT MAY NOT BE MY _____ BACK THERE, BUT I TAKE _____ FROM HERE.

²⁰ He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

Psalms 107:20 (NRSV)

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1 John 1:9 (ESV)

3. OWNING _____ ENABLES A GOOD PATH _____.

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