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The Blame Game Explained

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So the LORD God called out to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard You in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.” Then He asked, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” Then the man replied, “The woman You gave to be with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate.” So the LORD God asked the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “It was the serpent. He deceived me, and I ate.” – Genesis 3:9-13 (HCSB)

- v9 - *So the LORD God called out to the **man** and said to him, “Where are **you**?”*

1. In calling out to Adam, God exhibits _____. Grace is getting what you don't deserve. Mercy is not getting what you do deserve.

- v10 - *And he said, “I heard You in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.”*

2. Guilt is from the _____ & is meant to bring about a sense of shame & fear. Conviction is from the _____ & is meant to bring about a sense of repentance.

- v11 - *Then He asked, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”*

3. One of the best ways to help someone recognize their own _____, in a non-confrontational way, is by asking really good questions.

- v12 - *Then the man replied, “The woman You gave to be with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate.”*

4. A guilty individual's first line of defense is _____.

5. God can't forgive and restore until you _____ your part.

6. Here is the Blame Game Explained: The truth may be hard to face, but _____ from it doesn't make it go away. In fact, until you're willing to admit your _____ you'll continue having problems. Don't confuse _____ (not owning it) with _____ (owning it).

- v13 - *So the LORD God asked the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "It was the serpent. He deceived me, and I ate."*

7. Every good _____ has seeds of _____ in it.

Closing:

When _____ obedience (i.e. thoughts in alignment with God's truth, beatings of my heart, etc.) is coupled with _____ responsibility (i.e. my actions reflect the scriptures), we're walking in _____ freedom.

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