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COURAGE TO ADMIT YOU ARE WRONG

The blame game started in the Garden of Eden with Adam ultimately blaming God for giving him "the woman." Eve blamed the serpent. It had to be quite a moment with God listening to their excuses. It cost them everything. They were put out of a place of no lack to a place of separation from God. I often wonder what would have happened if they had repented.

The spirit of rebellion came into Adam and Eve came when they chose willingly to do what God told them not to. Unfortunately, that spirit was passed down to everyone through the bloodline. We are born with that rebellious spirit in us. It will be there until we shed our mortal bodies. It is like a dog fight. The Apostle Paul said in Romans 7:24, ***"O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"*** Like us, he struggled with his "old nature."

We have God in us at salvation, but our old nature is controlled by Satan. He whispers into our ears and plants thoughts into our soul. He cannot touch our spirit because it is "born again." But he can affect our mind, will, and emotions.

When we choose to listen to God our lives are so much better. We have the peace from God that passes all understanding. We make the right choices. When we choose to ignore that voice (Holy Spirit) and do things our way which results in sin, we have a choice also. We can admit we are wrong and repent, or we can keep on doing the sin.

It takes courage to admit you are wrong, especially when it means telling someone you sinned against that you were wrong. Often, it is humiliating to confess to others that you were wrong. It isn't easy but the peace that comes from getting things right is worth the humiliation.

Are you struggling with the "blame game?" Do you constantly blame others for your own actions? Then you are caught in Satan's web and there is no way out without repenting. Repenting doesn't just mean you are sorry. It means you have the courage to admit you are wrong and are sorrowful over your sin and you choose to "not do it anymore."

Repentance comes from the heart. It is not an intellectual assent to your actions. It comes from conviction by God (not condemnation) that you need to confess you were wrong (1 John 1:8-10) and make an 180° turn and choose to not do it again. Courage? Oh, yes, it takes courage, but I can attest that you will not regret it.