

## THE BLAME GAME

### Reboot – Part 2 of 4

**OBSERVATION FROM LAST WEEK:** We learn from our mistakes in the areas that matter LEAST, but in the areas that matter most we REPEAT our mistakes.

#### THREE FAULTY ASSUMPTIONS WE TALKED ABOUT LAST WEEK:

1. EXPERIENCE assumption: We believe experience makes us WISER, but it is EVALUATED experience that makes us wiser.
2. I know BETTER assumption: We believe that since we know better, we will DO better.
3. TIME is not on my side assumption: I am not getting any YOUNGER, so I need to get on with it!

**THE FIRST OF THREE THINGS WE MUST EMBRACE:** We must OWN our part of our negative story.

- The best way to ensure your reboot is successful for your future is to OWN your share of your PAST.

*“27 So God created human beings in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number . . .’” Genesis 1:27-28*

*“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. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, ‘Where are you?’ 10 He answered, ‘I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so, I hid.’ 11 And he said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?’ 12 The man said, ‘The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.’ 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What is this you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent deceived me, and I ate.’” Genesis 3:8-13*

**KEY TRUTH #1:** You cannot BLAME your way into a better future. Blame enables us to SMUGGLE our issues into our future.

**KEY TRUTH #2:** Blames sets us up for a REPEAT of last time.

*“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” Matthew 5:8*

**KEY TAKE-A-WAY:** There is a relationship between PURITY and CLARITY.

**KEY OBSERVATION:** The biggest factor as to why we are so hesitant to admit and own our part of all of that happened is EMBARRASSMENT.