

Devotion 2: The Blame Game

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Scripture: *Genesis 3:12–13*

“The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.’ Then the LORD God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent deceived me, and I ate.’”

Devotion

Imagine this scene at your house: The dog chews up a shoe. “Who was supposed to watch the dog?” “Well, nobody woke me up!” “Well, I was up late because I had too much work!” Round and round it goes—everyone pointing the finger at someone else. Sound familiar? Adam and Eve invented the blame game. Adam blamed Eve—and even blamed God for giving her to him! Eve blamed the serpent. Nobody said, “I was wrong.” This is what sin does to us. Instead of owning up, we pass the guilt to someone else. But passing the blame doesn’t make guilt go away. It just spreads it around. God saw right through Adam and Eve’s excuses, and He sees through ours too. The good news is that God doesn’t ask us to be perfect—He asks us to be honest. When we admit our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us for Jesus’ sake. That’s the freedom the blame game can never give.

Discussion Questions

1. Can you think of a time your family played the “blame game”? What happened?
2. Why is it so hard to say “I was wrong”?
3. How does it feel when someone honestly admits a mistake instead of blaming others?

Closing Prayer

Lord God, forgive us for the times we point fingers instead of looking at our own hearts. Give us the courage to be honest about our sin, knowing that You are always ready to forgive us through Jesus. Amen.

Family Action Item: Make a family pact this week: whenever you catch yourself blaming someone else, stop and ask, “What’s my part in this?”