

**Genesis 3:8-13.** <sup>8</sup>When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. <sup>9</sup>Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." <sup>11</sup>"Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it." <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?" "The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."

### "WHERE ARE YOU?"

- God's question to Adam was a \_\_\_\_\_ question, not a geographical one
- It's the \_\_\_\_\_ question God asks us when we sin

### THE SECOND SIN WE FIND IN THE BIBLE IS \_\_\_\_\_

- Eve blamed the snake
- Adam blamed Eve and God

### WHAT IS BLAME?

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of holding someone responsible for a fault or wrong
- it involves assigning \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to an individual or group
- Blame is \_\_\_\_\_ - It breaks our relationship with God and others and it hinders personal and spiritual growth

### WHY IS THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> SIN SO PREVALENT IN OUR WORLD?

1. We blame to \_\_\_\_\_ what we do or

say, did or said

- "I couldn't help it"
- "\_\_\_\_\_ made me do it."

2. We blame because we think it's easier to \_\_\_\_\_ than to take personal \_\_\_\_\_
3. We blame to \_\_\_\_\_ others from our faults and failures
4. We blame to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ the repercussions of our sin
5. We blame to \_\_\_\_\_ our sin
6. We blame to \_\_\_\_\_ our sin
7. We blame to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ our sin

### THE ALTERNATIVE & ANTIDOTE TO BLAME

1. Take \_\_\_\_\_ for what you think, say, and do

**JAS 1:13.** "And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, 'God is tempting me.' God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else."

2. Know that you are \_\_\_\_\_ for what you think, say and do, to God first and others second

**ROM 14:12.** "Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God."

3. Catch the \_\_\_\_\_ to blame and choose to respond differently

**ROM 12:2.** "Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think."

4. Extend \_\_\_\_\_ as much as you want it extended to you

**ROM 12:18.** "Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone."