



Relationship w/Jesus

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Own It

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It is time for those who consider themselves to be "Christians" to stand up and be accountable. If it is your fault then own up to it. Apologize. Don't point the finger; take the punishment. Be mature. You are your own man. Don't lie.

"Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren." 1 Corinthians 6:8

I call this weakness, the blame game. It started with Adam then with Eve. Adam said Eve gave him and he did eat. Eve said the serpent beguiled her and she did eat. Well, if Adam kept the garden like he was supposed to, [keeping the beast out of the garden], the serpent wouldn't have beguiled Eve. Well, if she wasn't checking out that tree in the first place she wouldn't have eaten. They should have said, "Yes Lord, I did eat, I was foolish to go against Your order. I was wrong. Please forgive me."

Own up to your own faults. I got myself into a pickle once because I listened to bad advice. I fell into the pit of bad advice and I acted upon it. I couldn't blame them for talking to me. I cannot blame them for deceiving me. I couldn't only blame myself for following their lead. It lead me down a terrible road that I would never want to go down again.

I chose a leadership position in an organization, in which, I thought, was harmless and I thought I could be a help. Never thought that during the course of one school year I would be betrayed, badgered, persecuted, distastefully treated, bullied, well, you get the picture; all because I was trying to do something good.

I felt the judgments of others as I shouldered the blame for things that I was ignorant of. I was attacked through emails. I was mocked at meetings. I was lied to and manipulated. Just because I was unaware to what the enemy had planned for me. But I still refused to point the finger back to my false accusers. I refused to play the blame game. I owned up to my part and dismissed the rest.

I was the leader regardless of my surroundings.

I was the leader regardless of what people thought.

I was the leader trying to do what was right.

I didn't have anyone to support me. I didn't have anyone to sit with me at meetings. I didn't have anyone, available, on my side. But I knew I was in the right and I chose not to go down the blame game side.



Later I became bitter to those people who caused me such heartache. I had to forgive them. As forgiveness is a process, the process was much longer than what I thought it would be, but I forgave them. I refused to play those games in which they were playing; I refused to blame them. They know what they had done, the lies they told, the mess they caused. It's up to them to repent for themselves.

"Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven." Matthew 18:21-22

And although my leadership was short lived, I pray it helped others. I should never have taken a position in which I was unfamiliar with its duties.

Don't blame - change.

Don't require of someone else something that you are not willing to do yourself. Don't take on more than you can chew. And most importantly: Own up to your own responsibility.

There will be times when turmoil will reach up and slap you across your face. It's up to you. Do you respond in kind? Do you respond in kindness? Do you respond at all? What would Jesus do?

We're not perfect . . . But God is perfecting us.
Be mature and own your mistakes.

"But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."
James 1:4

