

**April 29 | Sunday**

Personal Responsibility: "That's On Me"

Read [Roman 14:12](#)



**30 | Mon – It's her fault!** | Read [Genesis 3:1-13](#)

It is easy to judge Adam for shifting the blame to Eve and Eve for pointing to the serpent. The facts may have been correct but their attitudes were not. Neither of them was willing to take responsibility for their own choices. Aren't we all prone to this "it wasn't me!" response? The next time you find yourself in a similar situation, do not let fear of consequences keep you from owning up to your part. You might not like the result but you will sleep easier at night.

**01 | Tue – So what?** | Read [Genesis 4:1-9](#)

Adam's oldest son, Cain, decided his plan for sacrifice was better than God's. Anger sprang up when his offering was rejected but who can spar with God? So he took it out on his younger brother. When confronted, Cain's attitude was not repentant - "how should I know where he is; am I my brother's keeper?" Read God's answer. Is it tempting to shirk your responsibility toward others because of your feelings about them?

**02 | Wed – Fixing the past** | Read [Luke 19:1-9](#)

Tax collectors in Jesus' day were known to extort money because they set the tax code. One of chief tax collectors, Zacchaeus, happened to meet Jesus on his way home from work and they ended up having dinner - an encounter which changed his heart. Zacchaeus not only took responsibility for his former actions, he also began to make amends. What about you? You might not be a tax collector but is there some area of your life where you need to start taking responsibility for your actions?

**03 | Thu – Really?!** | Read [Acts 3:1-10](#) and [4:1-10](#)

Doing the right thing sometimes results in unfair consequences. After healing the lame man in Acts 3, Peter and John were thrown in jail and then brought before the authorities the next day. Instead of backing down, these two men acknowledged their actions, using the opportunity to point people to Jesus. Have you ever done a good deed which backfired? How did you feel and what did you do next?

**04 | Fri – Hidden motives** | Read [Acts 5:1-11](#)

Taking responsibility includes the times you might have done something good for the wrong reasons. This couple in Acts 5 wanted to impress others with their 'godliness' so they gave a generous offering, lying about its value. Even when confronted, they refused to confess their lie. Do you sometimes do good deeds with an eye for who might be watching so they will think more highly of you? Take time to honestly examine your motives before you act.

**05 | Sat – Who do you answer to?** | Read [Romans 14:10-12](#)

We are all accountable to those in authority over us but these verses remind us of the ultimate authority to whom we are responsible. You might find this thought encouraging when others have unfairly misjudged you but also sobering in those times when your conscience convicts you. It is easier to be a people pleaser and compromise our values. Yet, as someone has said, we live our lives for an audience of one - God. How might this idea impact your daily life?