

**DROP THE  
FIG LEAVES**



# ORIGIN STORY

"GOD'S AIM IN HUMAN HISTORY IS THE CREATION OF AN ALL-INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY OF LOVING PERSONS WITH HIMSELF AT THE CENTER AS ITS PRIME SUSTAINER AND MOST GLORIOUS INHABITANT."

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IN THE BEGINNING

God created the  
*heavens & the earth.*

GENESIS 1:1

# NAKEDNESS & SHAME

“At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So, they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.”

NOTHING IN ALL CREATION  
IS HIDDEN FROM GOD.  
EVERYTHING IS NAKED AND  
EXPOSED BEFORE HIS EYES,  
AND HE IS THE ONE TO  
WHOM WE ARE  
ACCOUNTABLE.

HEBREWS 4:13, NLT

Shame is the intensely painful feeling or experience of believing that we are flawed and therefore unworthy of love and belonging. The focus is on self, not behavior, with the result that we feel alone. Shame is never known to lead us toward positive change.

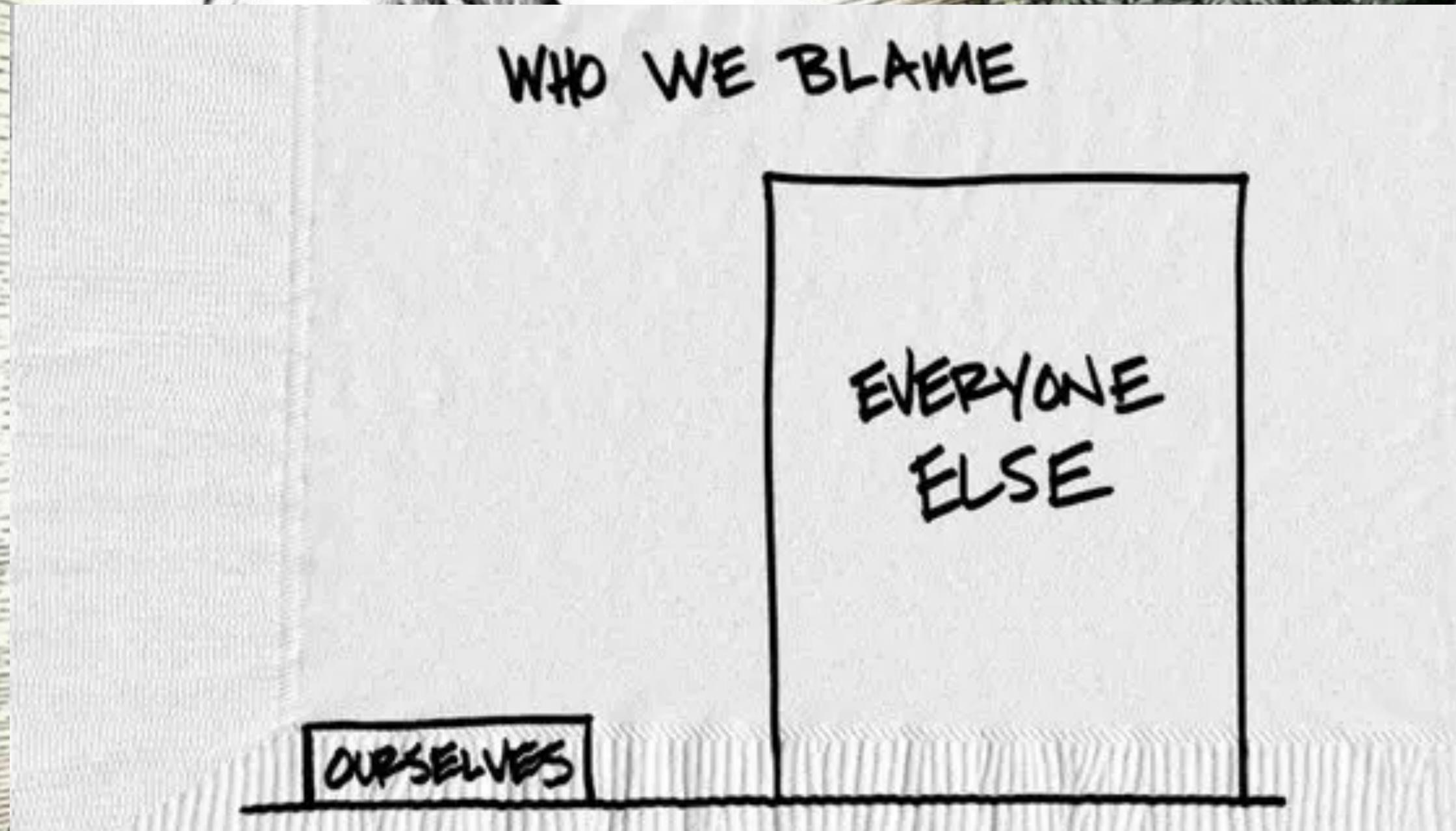
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# GOD'S RESPONSE

God is a Father who uses questions to teach within the context of relationship.

He uses questions to involve His students, force them to think, and point them to the truth.



# CURSES & CONSEQUENCES

## Two Curses:

1. The Serpent (v. 14)
2. The Ground (v. 17)

## Five Consequences:

1. Conflict between the deceiver & humans (v. 15)
2. Anxiety & pain (v. 16)
3. Conflict between the genders (v. 16)
4. Self-reliance & struggle for survival (vv. 17-19)
5. Death (v. 19)
6. Separation from God (v.



# PERPETUATING PAIN?



So God created  
human beings in  
his own image.

GENESIS 1:27



# TAKE IT HOME

NOW REPENT  
OF YOUR SINS AND  
TURN TO GOD,  
THEN TIMES OF  
REFRESHMENT WILL COME  
FROM THE PRESENCE  
OF THE LORD  
AND HE WILL AGAIN  
SEND YOU JESUS, YOUR  
APPOINTED MESSIAH.

ACTS 3:19-20

*"I am  
making  
all things  
New"*

REV 21:5